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## Ya'alon: Mistakes have caused casualties in the past

LIAT COLLINS

SUNDAY'S fatal attack in Lebanon was not the first time the IDF has suffered casualties because of its mistakes, OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon reportedly told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

While refraining from describing the two recent attacks as "foul-ups" — as did most of the MKs present — Ya'alon said there appears to have been "some deviation from accepted operating procedures or orders." He emphasized, however, that the investigation into the incidents has not yet been completed.

Ya'alon said Hizbullah has good intelligence on IDF procedures, and the attack took place 8 km. within the security zone.

Among the many questions raised were why last Thursday's convoy had been postponed from daylight until after dark and why the four vehicles were traveling so close together that three of them were hit in the same explosion.

In Sunday's incident, it is not clear why the armored personnel carrier left the asphalt road and traveled on the dirt track in violation of standard procedures, nor what the purpose of the journey was, nor whether it was necessary for the soldiers to travel in an APC.

The question of who authorized both trips under these circumstances also remains open.

Hizbullah operates according to Iranian concepts, first an IDF withdrawal from southern Lebanon, "then Jerusalem," Ya'alon said. Although it is Iranian money and training which keeps Hizbullah going, it could not operate without Syrian approval and support, he said, noting that the Syrians are interested in exerting pressure on Israel through its attacks. The Syrians do not necessarily know of each specific Hizbullah action, he said.

While Likud MK Ariel Sharon did not demand another incursion like 1993's Operation Accountability, he stressed the need for action beyond the security zone.

"I won't say what exact action needs to be taken, but we must shake the terrorists out of their state of equilibrium and the peace in which they live between attacks," Sharon said.



A Golani Brigade soldier surrounded by a sea of the infantry unit's distinctive brown berets weeps at the funeral of Staff Sgt. Guy Hadad in Beit Shemesh yesterday. (Reuters)

## Six Golani soldiers laid to rest

DAVID RUDGE

THE six soldiers killed in Sunday's attack in Lebanon were laid to rest yesterday.

Capt. Yossi Ohana, 24, of Ashdod, was buried yesterday in what townspeople said was one of the stormiest funerals in years. His father, Asher, said as he stood over the grave: "Instead of you burying me, I'm burying you today."

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine said at the funeral: "You were a model soldier, loved by your soldiers, with true operational and leadership skills. You never went to sleep before making sure your soldiers were sleeping and out of danger. You fell in a battle with murderers, on your way to fulfill a mission and capture the enemy gang who attacked your comrades."

St.-Sgt. Guy Hadad, 21, of Moshav Yishi, was buried in the Beit Shemesh military cemetery. Among those attending the funeral was Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsuri, who said the cabinet had earlier discussed ways of reducing the number of IDF casualties in southern Lebanon. He added that the people know that the Golani Brigade is "the security belt around the northern settlements, and called on Golani soldiers not to be ashamed to cry, because the Israeli people are proud of them."

St.-Sgt. Eyal Dror, 21, of Moshav Meona, was buried in Nahariya. Deputy Education Minister Micha Goldman said at the funeral: "The IDF will respond in its way wherever necessary, and will leave nothing remaining of those who are trying to interfere with the lives of the residents of the North."

St.-Sgt. Eyal Sameah, 21, of Ramat Gan, was buried in the military section of Kiryat Shaul cemetery. According to Yediot Ahar-

onot, he had a premonition of his death and told his mother on the phone he thought he was about to die. His battalion commander said at his funeral: "In Golani, we are all brothers and you will stay one of us forever."

Sgt. Yair Barak, 20, from Petah Tikva, was buried in the town's Segula cemetery in a funeral attended by army comrades and classmates from the Shavei Hebron yeshiva. His father, Naftali, praised his son's decision to leave the yeshiva and volunteer for Golani.

"You chose to go and serve full army service in Golani out of a desire to be with your people, and to be a fighter in an elite unit. You chose to go to Lebanon because there the full expression of your professionalism as a soldier could be expressed. We know it wasn't easy for you, but we supported you and came you a feeling that we were proud of you and the path you chose."

Sgt. Yotam Inbar, 20, of Neveh Ephraim, was laid to rest in the military section of the Kiryat Shaul cemetery in Tel Aviv. Among those participating in the funeral was Uriel Shauli, father of Sgt. Yotam Shauli, a Golani soldier killed in southern Lebanon when a boobytrapped canteen exploded there some eight months ago. Shauli did not know the Inbar family, but said: "The two soldiers were both called Yotam, and both were from Golani. I felt a need to be here with Yotam Inbar's parents."

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi Yisrael Lau yesterday visited the soldiers being treated in Haifa's Rambam Hospital for wounds suffered in recent incidents in south

Lebanon, including those on Sunday and last Thursday.

Deputy hospital director Dr. Zvi Ben-Isai said two of the wounded soldiers were released yesterday while the remaining five are showing signs of improvement.

The family and friends of St.-Sgt. Mottie Vaknin, of Holon, the sole survivor from the APC which was hit on Sunday, decided to tell him about the death of his six comrades only after their return from the funerals.

After being briefed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the cabinet meeting, President Ezer Weizman drove to Moshav Yishi, near Beit Shemesh, where he visited the family of Guy Hadad. From there, the president and his wife, Reuma, paid a condolence visit to the family of Dror Barashi. Both were killed in Thursday's attack.

The president plans to visit all nine bereaved families, as well as the soldiers who were wounded in Lebanon during the next few days, his spokesman said.

Meanwhile, Yad Labanaim chairman Yitzhak Ne'eman complained that "it is inconceivable that names of the fallen be published before the families are informed." Ne'eman was complaining about publication of the names in *Ha'aretz* before approval was given and it was confirmed the soldiers' parents had been informed.

Ne'eman said that the paper's claim that the names had been actually been published after the families were informed, even if the names were printed beforehand, was irrelevant because it could not always be guaranteed that the soldiers' parents could be informed quickly.

Basheva Tsor contributed to this report.

## Rabin warns Hizbullah, blasts Syria

ALON PINKAS, HAIM SHAPIRO, and DAVID RUDGE

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday warned Hizbullah that Israel will "strike in every place in Lebanon," if necessary, to retaliate for the incidents Thursday and Sunday in which nine Golani Brigade soldiers were killed.

Speaking after a special cabinet meeting, Rabin also had harsh words for Syria.

"If Syria thinks that through Hizbullah attacks in Lebanon or by harboring Hamas and Islamic Jihad officials and offices in Damascus it will exact a diplomatic price from Israel, they cannot be more wrong," he told Israel Radio after the meeting.

Rabin said Hizbullah was freely transferring money, men, and arms through Syrian-controlled territory. "Syria is making a terrible mistake," Rabin said. "The fact that Syria is behaving as it is only makes the negotiations more difficult."

In a statement issued after the meeting, the cabinet condemned "the government of Syria which could prevent the terrorist activity of this organization, but does not do so and even supports it."

At the cabinet meeting, however, neither Rabin nor Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak indicated that the IDF is planning a major operation in southern Lebanon.

An aide to Rabin said the cabinet had not made any operational decisions, but only reaffirmed current policy and gave the army "freedom of action."

The cabinet, the aide said, did not ease restrictions requiring ministerial approval for military operations that go beyond certain geographic and military parameters.

Rabin noted that the recent attacks did not violate the 1993 US-brokered understanding, which followed Operation Accountability, by which Hizbullah agreed not to fire Katyushas into northern Israel in return for Israel refraining from hitting civilian targets north of the security zone.

"Since this July, during all these months, no Katyushas have hit the Galilee," Rabin said. "The fact is that during this period, the understandings were ob-

served by both sides."

Later in the day, Rabin said that even the unhappy situation caused by the death of the soldiers must be considered within the context of Israel's primary goal, peace for Galilee, and its secondary goal of cooperation with the residents of southern Lebanon and the South Lebanon Army, under the leadership of Gen. Antoine Lahad.

Rabin noted that 650 IDF soldiers had died in three years of fighting during the 1982 invasion of Lebanon, in which the government in power at that time had believed it was eradicating terror. In fact, he said, it had only succeeded in eliminating Palestinian terrorism from Lebanon, but had gotten a far worse form of terror — that of the Hizbullah and the Islamic Jihad. These extremist Islamic groups are trying to get Israel to accept terms to which it will never agree, he said.

While the death of the soldiers was very sad, Rabin said, the main thing is that settlements and towns along the Lebanese border are living in peace. Throughout the holiday period, thousands of Israelis had enjoyed themselves in the North without fear, he said.

In Lebanon, all sides remained on full alert. Reports said the Lebanese army had canceled all leaves, and its 55,000 troops had been ordered to remain on duty in case of an IDF retaliation.

Hizbullah, too, was said to have instructed its fighters to be ready for any eventuality.

The Lebanese media also said IDF reinforcements were pouring into the security zone. Nevertheless, there was no confirmation of the reported IDF build-up from any independent source.

On the contrary, UNIFIL spokesman Timur Goksel said members of the international peacekeeping force had seen "no unusual activity of any kind."

He noted that because of the tense atmosphere, UN observers are monitoring the situation more closely than usual.

In fact, it was one of the quietest days in south Lebanon for several weeks. Only three incidents were reported.

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## US-Israeli strategic talks begin in Washington

ALON PINKAS

THE biannual US-Israeli strategic cooperation talks are to begin in Washington today, with US military assistance to Israel and Israeli participation in US satellite launching tenders expected to dominate the agenda.

The Israeli delegation is led by Defense Ministry Director-General David Ivry, OC Planning Branch Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan, and David Shoval, head of the Defense Ministry's export and international assistance department (SIBAT).

The talks will be held in two different groups. One will deal with the US's \$1.8 billion annual military grant to Israel and the second will discuss strategic cooperation on a wide array of security-related issues.

Ivry, who in May secured further US funding (estimated at approximately \$40 million a year) for the Arrow anti-missile missile program will update the Americans on the development stage of the Arrow-2.

Another issue will be Israel's request to be allowed to participate in US tenders for satellite launchers. Israel Aircraft Industries, together with the US company TRW, wants to market the Shavit launcher-missile, used for the launching of the Ofek-3 satellite. Earlier this year, President Bill Clinton assured Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that Israeli firms will be allowed to compete in civilian launcher tenders, but IAI's proposal has since encountered difficulties.

## 29 commuters wounded in Paris train bombing

News agencies

PARIS — A bomb tore through an underground commuter train as it sped through central Paris during yesterday's morning rush hour, injuring 29 people in what appeared to be the latest in a wave of attacks by Algerian Islamic extremists.

Commuters said the darkened tunnel filled with smoke and cries for help from the injured sprawled on the tracks after the bomb ripped open the wall of the silver train car. A doctor said the blast severed feet off some victims.

Five of the 29 were seriously wounded including two who had a foot or leg blown off and suffered severe burns and lung damage, a spokesman for the emergency medical unit said.

One victim's leg was amputated in the gloomy rail tunnel by emergency workers. Others were treated at makeshift hospitals set up on the train platform and the nearby Orsay Museum, whose Impressionist paintings are among Paris's biggest tourist draws.

The bomb went off at 7:05 a.m. in the second carriage of a train going 60 kph in a tunnel between the Orsay Museum and Saint-Michel stations on the RER regional express network.

The explosion, from a gas canister loaded with hex nuts, was among at least eight bombings or attempted bombings since July. That type of bomb was considered a trademark of Algerian militants opposed to France's support of the military-installed government in Algeria. The militants have claimed previous bombings.

Emergency workers and passengers said some riders panicked as choking smoke swept through the train. "There was smoke all around, there were cries," said one trembling passenger. "Then we could hear one of the wounded



A rescue worker surveys the damage caused to the French train which was bombed yesterday (AP)

on the rails calling for help." "In the carriage, which was completely ripped open, we could see at least four or five wounded people," the passenger said.

Dazed and disheveled passengers, blinking in the sunlight, staggered onto the street at the Orsay station after picking their way for 1 km through the tunnel in near-total darkness.

The blast came just a week before President Jacques Chirac is to meet Algerian President General Liamine Zoulat at UN headquarters in New York.

Prime Minister Alain Juppe said

Chirac would go ahead with the talks, despite criticism it may seem that Chirac is backing Zoulat in Algeria's November 16 presidential vote.

"France will continue its dialogue with Algeria. No attack, however cowardly or blind, will silence its voice," he told the National Assembly, saying Paris would not "capitulate to barbarism."

The Algerian Islamic Armed Group (GIA), which has claimed responsibility for the bombings, has demanded that France end its annual six billion franc aid to

## Israeli policeman fatally shot in Kalkilya

A POLICEMAN was shot and fatally wounded last night in Kalkilya by unknown assailants as he stepped out of his car in front of a local supermarket.

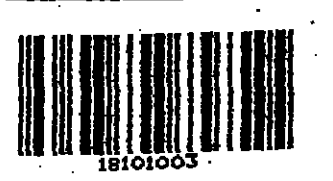
First Sgt.-Maj. Mohammed Hawari, 53, a Kalkilya resident, was cut down by a volley of bullets fired by assailants waiting in ambush at about 10:30, apparently as he was about to go shopping. An ambulance arrived quickly, but Hawari died on the way to Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava.

Police and army units immediately began a search for the attackers.

Palestinian sources said Hawari, who served at the Kalkilya police station, had been killed "for being a collaborator with Israel."

(Itim)

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Palestinian shopkeepers look on yesterday as Jewish demonstrators march through Hebron to protest the reopening of the wholesale market and a street leading from the Avraham Avinu section to the Machpela Cave. (Brian Hendler)

## Women in Green march to protest plan to reopen Hebron market

ABOUT 200 demonstrators marched through Hebron yesterday, as part of a Women in Green protest against plans to open the wholesale market near the Avraham Avinu Jewish neighborhood and a street leading from the neighborhood to the Machpela Cave a few hundred meters away. Hebron settlement leaders maintain that opening these two areas, which are now closed to Arab traffic, will constitute a security threat. The market was closed following the massacre at the Machpela Cave last year.

HERB KEINON

while the street was closed long before. Among those at the protest was philosopher Emil Fackenheim, who told a rally held after the march: "In 1977, we went to the Soviet Union to protest to let Jews go. Now I am in Hebron to protest to let the Jews stay. This says something about the terrible century we live in."

Kiryat Arba lawyer and former MK Elyakim Ha'etzi told the demonstrators that it is clear that

"this false peace will not exist if one [Jewish] home will remain anywhere [in Judea and Samaria]. As long as we are around, there is no Palestine."

Ha'etzi said that if the Hebron Jewish community is uprooted, "everything will be uprooted."

The protest took place under heavy police guard, and the demonstrators walked from Machpela Cave to the Jewish cemetery near Tel Rumeida, and then to

Avraham Avinu.

The protesters carried signs reading, "Oslo equals national suicide," "Hebron will not be Judenrein," and "Rabin, our children's blood is on your hands."

At the wholesale market, a large sign read: "This market was built on Jewish land stolen after the Arabs killed the Jews in 1929."

Itim adds: The Belzer Rebbe, Yissachar Dov Rokeach, told his hassidim Monday night that Jews living in Hebron is "tempting the devil."

## Right-wing coalition calls for boycott of census

HERB KEINON

A COALITION of right-wing groups yesterday issued a call to boycott the upcoming national census as an anti-government protest.

"Don't fill out the questionnaire until a government is elected that rules without PLO votes in the Knesset," read a letter sent out by the groups.

"Remember, the future of our people in our land is not over, as long as the people have not signed."

The letter was signed by the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, Zio Artzenu, Professors for a Strong Israel, the Action Committee for the Abolition of the Autonomy Plan, and the Action Committee (Mate Ma'amatz). The letter was sent to people on the settlement

council's mailing list.

The census, which takes place every 10 years and is to begin tomorrow, is being carried out by the Central Bureau of Statistics. Participation in the census is compulsory.

Yehiel Leiter, a spokesman for the settlement council, said the council realizes that not taking part in the census is a "minor crime," but that this pales in comparison to "what the government is doing."

"The Rabin government has delegitimized and demonized the opposition," Leiter said, "and has negated the rights of one-half of the population. It seems only right that one-half of the population should then not give the government legitimacy by taking part in a national census."

## Gush Shalom calls for Weizman's impeachment

GUSH Shalom yesterday issued a call for the impeachment of President Ezer Weizman for his "unbecoming behavior, unless he changes his mind and releases the Palestinian women prisoners."

Adam Keller, a member of the group, said during a protest opposite the President's House that the president, whose job it is to be a unifying factor among the public, is taking a one-sided stand aligned with the right regarding the peace process, and is leading to Israel's violating the Oslo 2 accord approved by the government and the Knesset, by refusing to release the women prisoners.

"According to the Basic Law: Presidency, the Knesset has the authority to impeach a president who oversteps his authority, and we believe the Knesset should

launch such a move. We call on the MKs to begin impeachment procedures," Keller said.

After the protest outside the President's House, the group of some 20 demonstrators held a protest opposite the Prime Minister's Residence, calling for the removal of the IDF from southern Lebanon.

Keller said the group decided to hold the protest in light of recent developments in southern Lebanon and the death of nine Golani Brigade soldiers there in the past week.

Keller said the government is keeping the army in southern Lebanon despite the fact that it "does not contribute anything to security, and encourages Hizbullah to attack IDF soldiers."

(Itim)

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Nine hurt in two-stage road accident

Six people were lightly injured when a drum of electric cable fell from a truck descending to Sdom and hit an oncoming commercial vehicle. The vehicle then stopped and passengers got out and began throwing stones at the truck driver. However, the driver of the vehicle had forgotten to pull the emergency brake and the van then rolled down the road and fell 20 meters down a ravine. Three passengers still in the van were injured, one moderately and the rest lightly. Itim

#### Ofra Haza invited to visit Yemen

Singer Ofra Haza, who has been invited to visit Yemen and to meet its president and other leading figures, said yesterday she hopes to persuade her hosts to allow the remains of Rabbi Shalom Shabazi, a 17th-century poet whose tomb in Taiz has become a shrine for both Jews and Moslems, to be brought to Israel. Itim

#### Hamas-PA deal reported

The head of IDF Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon said yesterday that the Palestinian Authority had reached an interim agreement with Hamas on ending terror attacks against Israel from the autonomous areas.

The two groups are negotiating a means of allowing Hamas to be a political body and ending terror by Izzadin Kassam, even if all the terrorists are not armed. The Islamic Jihad is not negotiating with the Palestinian Authority but is following developments. Liat Collins

#### Plan would make electricity from sewage

An experimental project for using domestic and industrial sewage to produce electricity is to be established in Ramat Yishai, with the aid of funds from the European Union. The idea is the brainchild of local council chairman Ze'ev Swartz, who holds an MA in biochemistry and environmental engineering. The project calls for the establishment of a sewage treatment plant for several villages in the Ramat Yishai region, which would use bacteria to purify the waste. The methane gas produced would be used to generate electricity. David Rudge

## Peace Watch: Donors forgo demands on PA

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE demands placed upon the Palestinian Authority as a condition for receiving aid from international donors have been eroded or abandoned in recent months, Peace Watch said in a report released yesterday, on the eve of the two-day Paris donors conference that begins today.

The donors are meeting to discuss the future of financial aid to the PA following the extension of autonomy to the West Bank.

The donors had originally stipulated that the PA must make financial decisions on the basis of economic considerations and sound accounting practices.

The report, entitled "Economic Issues Facing the Palestinian Authority and the Donor Nations," found that not all of the money pledged was given and that the overwhelming majority of money which was received was used for meeting the operating expenses of the PA and its police force, rather than for infrastruc-

ture and development.

It noted that the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR), established to disburse hundreds of millions of dollars for infrastructure development, has been reduced to a shadow of its intended role. PECDAR was set up as a professional body with accountability at the insistence of the World Bank and the US to ensure that the money would be used for economic development and not diverted for political purposes.

PECDAR's role in disbursing money from the World Bank's Holst Fund for PA operating expenses will be transferred to the PA's Finance Ministry, and the PA plans to set up a new Palestinian Economic Council which will take over some PECDAR functions and inject a political focus into decision-making, Peace

Watch said.

Moreover, a number of European nations now contribute money directly to PA ministries, and World Bank officials no longer receive complete reports of these transfers, the report said.

This was the result of efforts by PA Chairman Yasser Arafat and Planning Minister Nabil Shaath to persuade many European nations to disburse funds through channels other than PECDAR, after Arafat repeatedly complained about Western demands for accountability, which he said were limiting his authority, Peace Watch said.

The donors first met in Washington in October 1993, and pledged a total of \$2.4 billion over five years.

One of the main issues to be discussed at the Paris meeting is the special "police fund" which channels contributions via UNRWA to pay salaries of the Palestinian Police.

## Soldiers break up Palestinian prisoner protest

IDF soldiers fired stun grenades to break up a Palestinian protest in Ramallah yesterday after demonstrators threw stones at soldiers on patrol.

Six people received minor injuries, hospital officials said. Five hundred people, clapping and chanting, marched through the streets of Ramallah to protest Israel's refusal to release all Palestinian prisoners.

"Rabin, Arafat, there will be no peace without releasing prisoners," they chanted. "We want our country freed."

When the marchers passed three soldiers, some of them began throwing stones. In response, two IDF jeeps roared through the crowd, firing stun grenades. Six people were hurt, including

Sula Qatamesh, wife of a well-known Palestinian activist. Her husband, Ahmed Qatamesh, has been imprisoned without trial for several years, accused of heading the military wing of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

One marcher, 42-year-old Bahiyeh Jabara, carried photographs of her husband and brother, both in Israeli prisons.

"They say that his hands are stained with Israeli blood, but they killed many of us," she said of her husband, 60-year-old Ahmed Jabara.

Jabara is serving a life sentence for taking part in a 1975 attack in which a bomb planted in a refrigerator in Jerusalem exploded in the city center, killing 14 people and injuring more than 100. (AP)

## Suspect indicted for attacking Rabin at The Event

RAINE MARCUS

THE man who rushed at Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at The Event last week was indicted in Netanyahu Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Natan Ezra Ophir, 42, of Mitzpe Na'ara, near Ma'alot Adumim, was arrested after he ran at Rabin while an angry mob heckled and cursed the prime minister, who had been formally invited to visit the Event.

Ophir was overcome by police and Rabin's security guards.

He was detained for 48 hours before being released on bail. Yesterday, he was charged with causing a disturbance in a public place, attempting to attack the prime minister, assaulting a policeman, and disturbing a public servant. His trial will open Sunday in Netanyahu Magistrate's Court.

Police, who have a videotape of the incident, said the trial has been expedited because of "the severity of the crimes."

## Savir, Abu Ala discuss implementation of Oslo 2

Jerusalem Post Reporter

FOREIGN Ministry Director-General Uri Savir said last night that in the discussions yesterday with Abu Ala in the joint committee on implementation of the Oslo 2 accord, they discussed the full gamut of issues including electricity, local government and prisoner releases.

Savir said that the problem of a presidential veto of the release of some women prisoners had been foreseen when the agreement was reached to release all women prisoners, but the Palestinians were given the option of appealing to the Supreme Court.

to end the pain, and tending the pain might ultimately be good for the nation."

Then Farrakhan made a reference to PLO leader Yasser Arafat. "I guess if you could sit down with Arafat, where there's rivers of blood between, why can't you sit down with us, and there's no blood," he said.

That comment incensed Jewish groups.

"The comparison is a false one, because the Jewish community in the United States does not have a warring relationship with the black community," said Arthur Berger, spokesman for the American Jewish Committee in New York. "But we do have a problem with people like Farrakhan who are hateful."

Mark Rosenblum, a history professor at the City University of New York, said Farrakhan is sending mixed messages to American Jews.

"I think Jews are deeply offended and deeply confused by the fact that once again we seem to have been singled out... as the single greatest enemy," he told Israel Radio yesterday. (AP) Blacks return home, Page 4

JEWISH leaders yesterday rejected Louis Farrakhan's call for a meeting to work out differences as a publicity stunt tried before by the Nation of Islam leader, whose rhetoric they denounce as antisemitic.

"A man who still promotes racism, bigotry, and antisemitism is not someone we're going to be keen to sit down and talk to," Robert Rifkin, national president of the American Jewish Committee, said on a morning television show.

"Mr. Farrakhan is not the only channel of communication between blacks and Jews," he added, noting that organizations within the two communities have established a useful dialogue.

"He's got leadership ability and could be a pious piper of reconciliation and atonement," said Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League. "Instead, he continues to be the pious piper of bigotry, racism, and antisemitism."

Farrakhan, interviewed on CNN's *Larry King Live*, said he believes that eventually the Nation of Islam and Jewish groups "will form an accord."

"I'm willing to give it a try," he said. As recently as last week, Farrakhan was quoted as calling Jews "bloodsuckers" for setting up profit-making businesses in poor black communities. Those remarks reaffirmed decisions by prominent black groups, such as the NAACP, to refuse to endorse the massive Washington rally of black men on Monday.

The rhetoric also promoted harsh criticism from President Clinton, who said the march leader carried a "message of malice and division."

Most of Farrakhan's 2½-hour speech at the rally centered on black men taking personal responsibility, atoning for past sins, and rebuilding their communities.

But near the end of his speech, he said, "I don't like this squabble with the Jewish community," and he offered to formally sit down with Jewish leaders to work out differences. The Rev. Jesse Jackson talked to the presidents of a dozen Jewish organizations in a step towards such talks, Farrakhan said.

"Perhaps, in the light of what we see today, maybe it's time to sit down and talk - not with any preconditions," Farrakhan said. "The question is, if the dialogue is proper, then we might be able

## RABIN

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IDF troops blew up an abandoned house on the outskirts of Nabatiya, north of the zone, reportedly used by Hizbullah to

### SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The weekly meeting of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today, 1 p.m., at the YMCA, King David Street.

The new Bruce and Ruth Rappaport WIZO day-care center was inaugurated yesterday in Haifa, in the presence of the donors, Bruce and Ruth Rappaport of Switzerland, World WIZO President Raya Jaglom, WIZO Switzerland President Lucie Gideon, Haifa Mayor Aram Mitzna, Haifa Deputy Mayor Yehudit Naot, members of the Rappaport family, members of the World WIZO Executive, and many distinguished guests.

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Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert (right) examines the last in a series of gold coins commemorating Jerusalem's 3,000th anniversary after minting it himself yesterday at the Government Printing Office in Jerusalem, as Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation executive chairman Uzi Narkiss (center) and director-general Shalom Perry (left) look on. All the gold, platinum, and silver versions of the coin have been sold out, but bronze, copper and nickel versions are still available.

## Health system crisis on Sneh's agenda

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee will today hold an emergency meeting to discuss the financial crisis facing the public hospitals, committee chairman MK Yossi Katz announced yesterday.

Health Minister Ephraim Sneh will meet tomorrow with Finance Minister Avraham Shohat about the crisis.

Senior officials from the ministries of Health and Finance have been invited to the Knesset committee session along with hospital directors.

The Health Ministry spokeswoman conceded yesterday that serious financing problems are plaguing the health system, but declined to say whether the hospitals are in danger of shutting

down. She said Sneh has been "issuing warnings" about deficits in the health system for months.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the Union of Local Authorities, Karmiel Mayor Adi Eldar, yesterday demanded that the government deal the worsening situation in the hospitals, which he blamed on the 10-month-old national health insurance system.

Eldar charged that hospital services are shrinking and queues for treatments are lengthening.

This, he said, violates the explicit commitment given by the government and the Knesset four months before the new system took effect that health services would expand and improve.

"Now it turns out that the law itself is sick and needs intensive care."

A week ago, the Israel Medical Association warned that public hospitals will have to stop receiving new patients "within a few weeks" unless the government covers the financial gap caused by the health funds' inability to pay their debts.

IMA chairman Dr. Yoram Blachar, after an emergency meeting with hospital directors, said that the hospitals used up their budgets for 1995 in September.

If the Treasury does not transfer money owed to the hospitals, at least some of them will have to

close down in a few weeks, Blachar said.

The courts recently allowed the public health funds to delay payments to hospitals because of a serious shortfall in collection of health taxes by the National Insurance Institute.

Since January, the NII has been taking in health taxes instead of membership fees being collected from members by each of the insurers.

The shortfall in health taxes has reached NIS 500 million, making the health funds unable to pay their debts to the hospitals, which have been restricted by the Treasury to a 2 percent annual growth rate even though actual needs are growing at 6 percent per year.

## Supreme Court extends Abeid's remand

SUPREME Court Justice Mishael Cheshin yesterday extended the remand of Suleiman Abeid, accused of murdering Hanit Kikos, by three months or until the end of his new retrial Beersheba District Court.

This is the fourth time Abeid's remand has been extended beyond the year he had already served.

The Supreme Court had previously approved a retrial, after Kikos' body was found in a drainage ditch outside Beersheba, not at

the Dudaim dump where he allegedly told interrogators he put it.

Questions regarding the location of the body led the Supreme Court to overturn his conviction, and to return the case to the court and order it to look into the new evidence and issue a new verdict.

The court had also ruled that all evidence gathered as part of the first trial was admissible, with only new evidence to be heard at the new trial.

Cheshin said he had agreed to the state's request for the three-month extension, because the law states such procedure should be taken against a suspect against whom an indictment has been filed for a crime punishable by life in prison, if it can be shown there is evidence which on the face of it could prove him guilty.

The defense is due to complete presentation of its evidence on November 21.

(Itim)

## Health Ministry backs idea for food authority

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Health Ministry endorses the idea of a supreme food authority that would unify the powers of three ministries in supervision of food production and imports.

However, the ministry spokeswoman said yesterday that it has not yet decided whether to advocate the establishment of such a body within the Health Ministry or as an independent organization outside the ministry.

The Ministry of Industry and Trade has reportedly decided to establish such a supervisory body along the lines of the US Food and Drug Administration. Currently, the Ministries of Health, Agriculture and Industry and Trade share responsibility for supervising food production and imports, and some argue that this sharing has made all of them ineffective.

Problems in food supervision were pointed when a *Ma'ariv* investigative reporter recently discovered that Tuuva had, for 18

months, illegally added a silicone compound to its low-fat, long-life milk. The ministry's Food Service Division was unaware of this, even though its inspectors supposedly regularly visited the Rehovot dairy where this occurred.

Soon after, the ministry was informed by the Consumer Protection Authority that boiling water in an electric kettle with a nickel-coated heating element that had previously been filtered in certain kinds of jugs can cause a risky accumulation of nickel ions in the water. The ministry hurriedly warned the public to "be careful," but did not state which filters are involved or provide other details.

In another recent incident, Health Ministry inspectors discovered that tens of thousands of eggs stored in a Tuuva warehouse had been kept at illegally high temperatures and not stamped with the last day of sale and the producer's name.

## Public Works Dept. to pay for damage caused by bypass road

LIAT COLLINS

THE Public Works Department will have to foot the bill for repairing the severe environmental damage caused by the building of the Bethlehem bypass road, estimated at NIS 4.5 million.

This decision was one of several made yesterday at a meeting between Environment Minister Yossi Sarid and representatives of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI), the Nature Reserves Authority and the National Parks Authority.

Today Sarid is scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to discuss the environmental impact of the 20 bypass roads. The SPNI has petitioned the High Court for an injunction halting the works on the Bethlehem bypass road until the environmental consequences have been studied.

The bypass roads are being built without an environmental impact report and other standard planning practices because of the time limit before the IDF pullout. But Sarid said the speed with which the roads are being constructed could not be used as an excuse for environmental damage.

Participants at yesterday's meeting called for an immediate end to the PWD policy of dumping quarried material in the wadi alongside the new road. SPNI representatives said the damage is "irreversible."

It was decided that the PWD will be obliged to work according to the demands of two landscape architects and under close supervision, and that the needs of each road would be taken into account separately.

## Cycling trip benefits children with cancer

GREER FAY CASHMAN

LED by Prof. Fritz Lampert, head of the Peiper Center for Research of Children's Cancer at Giessen University's faculty of medicine, a group of 120 German celebrities left Frankfurt last Friday for Amman on the first leg of a peace region drive to raise funds for the research and treatment of children with cancer.

The group, which is cycling through 700 km. of desert in Jordan and Israel, includes Hans-Peter Lang, Olympic champion downhill skier; Olympic champion wrestler Adolf Seger; world soccer champion Dr. Josef Kapellmann, and world triathlon record holder Astrid Benohr.

Other members of the group are prominent figures from gov-

ernment, business, medicine, and sports. They are expected to cross the border near Eilat at approximately 10 a.m. this morning.

On Saturday, they rode through Amman to the El-Amal Children's Hospital to distribute gifts to the children and to present Queen Noor and the Jordanian health minister with a \$250,000 check.

Accompanied by Jordanian cyclists, the group then continued to Petra and Akaba. In Israel, the group will be joined by the Negev Riders team from Beersheba.

The cyclists are scheduled to arrive in Jerusalem at noon on Friday and will be feted by Mayor Ehud Olmert.

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## Black men return home to rebuild lives

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of black men returned home yesterday from a spirited rally for unity and brotherhood, pledging to clean up their lives and rebuild a country portrayed as poisoned by racism.

"This has been an invigorating experience for me," said E. Craig Jackson, a local resident and student at the University of the District of Columbia. "It gives me goose bumps to think about it."

Many of the estimated 400,000 people drawn by Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan's Million Man March were optimistic that one of the outcomes of the peaceful day of praying, singing and speech-making would be more understanding between blacks and whites.

"I hope it acts as a catalyst for better relationships with everybody," said Robert Martin, who grabbed a subway ride to Virginia during Farrakhan's speech on the first leg of his trip back to Ohio. But others, mindful of the controversial past of Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam group, were not as optimistic.

"Mister Farrakhan has some positive attributes, but he should be working to bring people together instead of pushing them apart," said Jean Foster, a University of Maryland student. "That's what a man of peace would do."

Farrakhan's Nation of Islam espouses a mixture of traditional Islamic theology, economic independence, self-help and black separatism.

In a sermon lasting nearly 28 hours, Farrakhan stood at the base of the Capitol building, cajoling, scolding and lecturing to a sea of upturned faces that stretched more than a mile down the National Mall to the Washington Monument.

He stood behind bulletproof glass, surrounded by stern-faced, uniformed followers of his ministry as he denounced "white supremacy" as the "real evil in America."

Farrakhan, whose rhetoric is criticized as offensive and anti-Semitic, said the "false idea" that whites must rule because of their skin color has "poisoned the bloodstream of religion, education, politics, jurisprudence, economics, social ethics and morality."

"White supremacy has to die in order for humanity to live," he said. Farrakhan also dismissed those who have condemned him, saying God would not have inspired him to call for a "day of atonement and reconciliation" if his heart were clouded by hatred.

The rally was the fourth-largest demonstration in Washington history, and its largest predominantly black gathering. The crowd surpassed the 250,000 who gathered here in 1963 for Martin Luther King Jr.'s historic "I Have a Dream" speech.



A giant chunk of rock, part of the foundations of the historic citadel of Dinant in southern Belgium, crashed into the street yesterday. The pear-shaped block, weighing 80 tons, crushed two cars and broke through the back wall of a department store, but without causing casualties.

## Tension rises in Croatia

JULIJANA MOJSILOVIC  
BANJA LUKA

DIPLOMATS who secured a lull in fighting in Bosnia are now trying to prevent an offensive against Serbs in neighboring Croatia.

The Croats moved a unit with 22 tanks out of Bosnia over the weekend and sent it toward the last slice of Serb-held land in Croatia, on the border with Serbia.

UN and US envoys who hastened to the region apparently persuaded rebel Serbs to propose talks with Croatian leaders. The Croatian government — which has repeatedly threatened to use force to recapture its territory — had no immediate response to the proposal for talks on Friday.

A senior Western diplomat, insisting on anonymity, said the Croats had given negotiators six weeks to solve the conflict over the land known as eastern Slavonia, or they would use force.

"There is an absolute red light to military action in eastern Slavonia," said US Ambassador to Croatia Peter Galbraith.

The Yugoslav army — the region's largest — would almost certainly intervene if Croatia moved to take the land, spreading the Balkan war.

A 6-day-old US-brokered truce appeared to have calmed most fighting in Bosnia, except for sporadic exchanges in the sharply contested northwest, said UN spokesman Lt. Col. Chris Vernon.

"The cease-fire is holding very well," and front lines were stable, he said yesterday. For the first time, all warring sides had provided maps showing they agreed where the current front lines are, he said.

Bosnia's Muslim-led government complained that Serbs were violating truce conditions by refusing to open a road from Sarajevo to Gorazde. The town is the last Muslim enclave in eastern Bosnia and has been under siege for most of the 3 1/2-year war.

The United Nations was trying to send an aid convoy to Gorazde yesterday after peacekeepers worked for five days to clear mines from the Serb-held road. Bosnian minister Hasan Muratovic faulted the United Nations for failing to open it earlier.

Muratovic also charged the Serbs were violating the cease-fire because they had not yet restored running water to Sarajevo. Restoration of utilities was a condition of the cease-fire, but the government went ahead with the truce last week after oil and natural gas were restored to the besieged capital.

International aid agencies, meanwhile, rushed food and supplies to Banja Luka, the Serb stronghold in northwestern Bosnia,

where some 50,000 Serb refugees fled following recent military losses. The town is swollen by more than 100,000 refugees from fighting over the summer.

Karadzic fired four generals in an apparent attempt to heal rifts in the Serb leadership over battlefield losses and Bosnian Serb participation in peacekeeping.

And international mediators pressed ahead with plans for peace talks among Bosnia's warring sides later this month in the United States. Senior envoys, including top US mediator Richard Holbrooke and Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, gathered in Moscow yesterday to discuss strategy.

In an interview with the Croatian newspaper *Vecernji List* published yesterday, Bosnia's vice president, Ejup Ganic, indicated the government may even seek more territory in those talks.

The warring sides agreed in Geneva last month to split Bosnia into two "entities" within a single republic. The Muslims and Croats would get 51 percent, and the Serbs 49 percent. Since then, however, the Serbs have lost large chunks of territory.

Ganic said it was "not logical" that the Serbs — who he said made up only 15 percent of Bosnia's prewar population — should have 49 percent of the land.

(Reuters)

## Winnie opposes divorcing Mandela

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) — Winnie Mandela's lawyers said in court yesterday she would fight divorce proceedings brought by her estranged husband South African President Nelson Mandela on the grounds the 37-year marriage could be saved.

But Mrs. Mandela said in papers filed in the Rand Supreme Court in Johannesburg that if the divorce was granted, she wanted half of her estranged husband's assets.

The couple separated formally in April 1992 after Mrs. Mandela was convicted of complicity in the kidnapping and assault of black children in Soweto. Her driver and bodyguard were later convicted of murdering one of the children.

In the papers, Mrs. Mandela, 60, claimed her husband had not followed African cultural traditions in seeking reconciliation, forgiveness and family cohesion and had not recognized her role in immortalizing his global profile.

"In the circumstances, there are reasonable prospects that with proper and adequate counselling, including the cultural and traditional tutelage, the parties have reasonable prospects to reconcile," her lawyers said in the papers.

"It would be just and equitable that the court makes an order that the plaintiff transfer to the defendant one half of the plaintiff's assets," the papers said.

"During the subsistence of the marriage, the defendant (Mrs. Mandela) contributed both directly and indirectly to the maintenance and increase of the plaintiff's estate, by rendering

services, immortalizing the global profile of the plaintiff, and further by other means."

Mandela, 77, who is said by friends to be planning a third marriage, claimed in a summons pinned to Mrs. Mandela's door recently that their marriage had irretrievably broken down.

Mr. Mandela sought court permission recently to pin a divorce summons to her front door after she had allegedly dodged court officials trying to serve the papers on her personally.

The papers presented yesterday said the president, in bringing the divorce action, had failed to adequately recognize her role in bringing up their two daughters and her protection of them under apartheid.

"Since the inception of the marriage relationship, the parties understood the marriage to be inextricably linked with the correction of the political life of the nation. The marriage has always been a target of political assaults by various state-aided agents."

"Notwithstanding the life sentence imposed on the plaintiff in 1964, the parties understood the need to remain married throughout such incarceration and beyond."

The case is the fourth this year to involve President Mandela and his wife, a leader of the radical wing of their ruling African National Congress.

Last week the government instructed the state attorney to bring legal proceedings against Mrs. Mandela to recover two cars and a cellular phone issued to her as deputy minister. So far only a phone has been handed back.

## More violence in Kenya

NAIROBI (Reuters) — Kenyan riot police shot and wounded two people yesterday when violence erupted for a third day in a Nairobi slum where youths from rival tribes patrolled, armed with stones, knives, clubs and spears, witnesses said.

Four people have died in the violence between youths from the feuding Luo and Nubian tribes in Nairobi's Kibera slum.

Witnesses said men of the anti-riot General Service Unit (GSU) descended on Kibera yesterday and clubbed residents to put an end to the violence. Two people limped out of one trouble spot with gun wounds moments after the feared GSU moved in.

One man, aged 22, was shot in the thigh and a woman had a wound on the shin. Both were in tears as they were being taken to hospital. Fighting between hundreds of Luos and Nubians started on Sunday when two people were killed in the slum. Two more men were killed when fighting resumed, witnesses said.

The three days of clashes have political overtones because the Luos of western Kenya dominate the FORD-Kenya opposition party while the Nubians, originally from Sudan, are seen as supporters of the ruling KANU party.

Raila Odinga, a member of FORD-Kenya and a long time critic of President Daniel arap Moi's government, said the riots were part of a government ploy to disorganize the opposition.

## Barings management blamed for bank's collapse

SINGAPORE (Reuters) — Nick Leeson's huge unauthorized trading losses need not have brought down the Barings Group if the bank's management had acted earlier, Singapore inspectors in-

vestigating the collapse of the British merchant bank said in a report released yesterday.

"In retrospect, it seems probable that until February 1995, the Barings Group could have averted collapse by timely action," the report said.

Barings collapsed in February after Singapore-based trader Leeson ran up losses which amounted to NIS 4 billion.

The report singled out former Barings senior executives for not preventing the bank's failure, but did not leave institutions like the Bank of England and the Singapore International Monetary Exchange (SIMEX) unscathed.

In London, the Bank of England said there was nothing in

the report that invalidated the conclusions of the Board of Banking Supervision in July which found that Barings failed due to unauthorized trading by one individual.

In Amsterdam, the Dutch owner of Barings Bank, Internationale Nederlanden Groep, said it welcomed the report and supported the recommendations of the Singapore inspectors to wind up Barings Futures Singapore.

A Singapore Finance Ministry statement released with the report said the inspectors found the fall of Barings Futures Singapore (BFS) was caused by "institutional incompetence", a lack of understanding of futures business among senior executives, and "a

total failure of internal controls". It also cited "the efforts of certain senior executives to hinder investigations into the discrepancy identified by external auditors".

The inspectors referred to certain claims by Barings executives as giving "rise to a strong inference that key individuals of the Barings Group's management were grossly negligent, or wilfully blind and reckless to the truth".

The report, commissioned by the Singapore government and undertaken by accountants Price Waterhouse, said Barings chief executive officer Peter Norris tried to conceal unauthorized dealing by Leeson and had played down its significance.

(AP)

## Author Henry Roth dead at 89

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Author Henry Roth, who wrote the acclaimed 1934 novel *Call It Sleep* and spent the next six decades working on a follow-up, has died. He was 89.

Roth's *Call It Sleep*, the story of an immigrant Jewish boy in New York City surviving in the slums of Manhattan's Lower East Side, slowly won acclaim as an American classic. The tale in some ways paralleled Roth's life; he immigrated to the US from the Ukraine in 1907, and lived with his family on the Lower East Side.

At the time of its release in 1934, however, *Call It Sleep* didn't sell well enough to pay Roth's bills. He continued working as a laborer, laying

pipes and repairing streets. He later worked as a substitute teacher, precision tool grinder and hospital attendant.

It wasn't until the book was published in paperback in 1964 that he achieved fame; the paperback version sold more than 1 million copies.

He never completed another novel until last year, when *A Star Shines Over Mt. Morris Park* was released. The book, which was supposed to pick up where *Call It Sleep* left off, was not well-received.

A collection of his writing, including a short story that appeared in the New Yorker in 1939, was published in 1987 under the title *Shifting Landscapes*.

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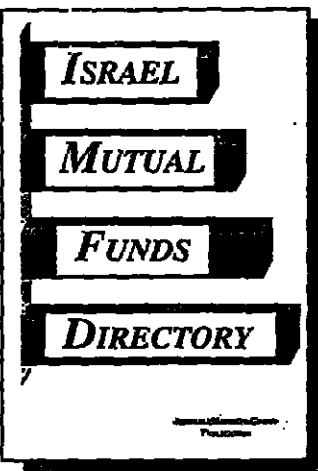
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# Despite talks, no end to Hamas terror in sight

PINHAS INBARI

LAST week a Hamas delegation returned from Khartoum with the blessing of Moslem Brotherhood leaders to make an agreement with the Palestinian Authority.

Based on initial reports of the delegation's visit, it cannot be assumed that fundamentalist terrorism against Israel will soon stop.

The most that might be expected is an open split in the Moslem Brotherhood in the territories and Jordan.

The latest developments in PLO-Hamas relations may result in some new agreements between the two groups, but will not have sufficient force to bring about an end to terror.

Such agreements are not unprecedented. During the intifada there were several accords aimed at preventing a Palestinian civil war. These were concluded despite the fact that the PLO

and Hamas agreed on virtually nothing political. They did, however, prevent internecine Palestinian blood-letting.

With the creation of the Palestinian Authority, the PLO inherited an obligation to try to prevent terrorism against Israel from areas under its control. This changed the underlying logic behind previous intifada agreements - to avoid internal fighting in the face of a common enemy. The new circumstances demanded that Hamas limit jihad.

What kind of agreement with the PLO does Hamas have in mind? Something purely internal and Palestinian that has nothing to do with a cessation of anti-Israel activity? Or a positive change in the Hamas's dogmatic commitment to jihad?

Initial information coming from Khartoum, along with indications from

within the Moslem Brotherhood, suggest that the option less favorable to Israel has been chosen.

On one hand, Hamas in Gaza will try to organize itself into some political framework - not necessarily a party. On the other, terrorist activity will not cease, whether Arafat and Hamas agree or disagree on how to coexist.

The treaties that the PLO and Jordan have concluded with Israel have put Hamas activists on both sides of the Jordan River in a difficult position.

Jordan, as well as the PLO, has a formal obligation to stop all military activity against Israel from territory it controls. This includes stopping Hamas activists from supporting their colleagues' military operations in the West Bank.

Like the Palestinian Authority, Jordan also invited the Moslem Brotherhood to join the government where it could serve as an outlet for subversive or opposition sentiments.

On both banks of the Jordan, the peace process has brought a sharp internal dispute on whether to seek accommodation with the new reality or resist it.

In Jordan, the old guard of the Moslem Brotherhood wanted to accept the government's offer, and return to their traditional educational, charitable and congregational activities. The militant younger generation resisted.

In Gaza the dispute is similar - the Moslem Brotherhood's older generation has already joined the PA administration, with the blessing of Sheikh Yas-

sin. But the youngsters of the Izzeddin al-Kassam military wing are adamant about fighting the accords with terrorism.

The difference between the ways in which Jordan and the PA tackle the problem lie mainly in the involvement of the Moslem Brotherhood leadership.

While Arafat seeks their involvement, Jordan considers it a matter for internal debate. This is why a Hamas delegation was denied entry to Jordan and the Hamas spokesman in Amman, Ibrahim Ghoshe, was careful not to go to Khartoum.

Informed sources say two members of the Hamas militant wing did go to Khartoum - a pro-Syrian, Khaled Mishal, and a pro-Iranian, Imad Alami. It was not their intention to help Arafat - on the contrary, their aim was to pre-

vent an agreement, and they succeeded.

They listened indifferently to the Gaza delegation's report on the risks facing the entire Moslem Brotherhood structure in Gaza; they did not give the green light to political compromise, and did not show any readiness to stop jihad.

All that was approved was dialogue on everyday matters as occurred with past intifada agreements.

Mishal and Alami gave no hint they would do anything to stop terrorism, and given the Syrian and Iranian positions on agreements made by the PLO and Jordan with Israel, the outlook remains grim.

The fact remains that, regardless of any agreement between the PA and Hamas on how to coexist in Gaza, an end to terror is not in sight.

## Arab press skeptical of Saddam's 'victory'

News agencies  
BAGHDAD

THE notion that Saddam Hussein's phony referendum signified a ringing endorsement of his leadership was not shared by his neighbors, who condemned the "victory" as a shameful exercise in the creation of a climate of fear.

"Saddam has even broken the famous Arab record of 99 percent in referendums and elections," said Fouad Hashem, a columnist for the Kuwaiti newspaper *al-Wakeel*. "He has achieved a new dream for dictators."

"Iraq says 'yes' to terror and hunger," said *al-Wakeel's* front-page headline. "Yes" in the ballot boxes and "no" in the hearts of Iraqis," wrote *al-Qabas*, another Kuwaiti newspaper.

Saddam, in power since 1979, was the sole candidate in the referendum and his victory was a foregone conclusion.

The vote confirmed him for another seven years in office.

"Iraqis said yes to the leader Saddam Hussein because they love him and he loves them," Ezat Ibrahim, a senior official in charge of the vote, was quoted as saying by Iraq's news agency.

But Arab writers and newspapers expressed dismay at what they called another humiliation for Iraqis suffering under crushing UN sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990.

A climate of fear, they said, assured an overwhelming victory.

A strong current of sympathy for the plight of Iraqis runs through the Arab world, and

Egypt and the United Arab Emirates have said they want Iraq to return to the Arab fold.

Mustafa Amin, a veteran Egyptian columnist, called the referendum a ploy to conceal the damage from the defection to Jordan in August of a top Iraqi official, his brother and their wives, both daughters of the Iraqi president.

"The 'yes' cast was that of humiliation and defeat," he said in Egypt's state-owned *Al-Akhar* newspaper.

Another editorial in the newspaper called Saddam "a creature who has lost all feelings of humanity and decency."

"All we can say is God help the Iraqi people because the reelection of Saddam will be like a mass suicide of the whole country," the newspaper said.

Nine Iraqi opposition groups issued a statement in Syria calling the referendum "null and void" and an "abortive attempt to enhance the Iraqi regime's image before world opinion."

Jalal Talabani, an Iraqi Kurdish leader, promised to hold another referendum on Saddam in Kurdish-controlled areas of Iraq, where voting did not take place.

There was no official comment from Arab governments. In Syria, where similar endorsements of President Hafez Assad are the norm, the referendum was covered without comment or reaction.

## Drainage devastates Iraq's Marsh Arabs

TARQUIN HALL  
AL-HUWAIIR

THE man trudges along a dusty track through an abandoned village in southern Iraq. Stopping, he points to his former home, a mound covered in rubble, lying like a beached whale on the plain.

Until two years ago, it was a tiny, man-made island in the middle of 15,600 square kilometers of marshland that was home to a people known as the Marsh Arabs.

"I used to swim all around here as a boy," said Mahayal Atcia Msaver, 59, moving toward another mound, his rubber sandals crushing brittle, salt-encrusted vegetation underfoot.

"Now all the water is gone and the land is dry," he said.

Four-and-a-half years after the Shi'ite uprising in southern Iraq, Saddam Hussein's systematic drainage of the marshes is complete, Iraqi officials say.

Saddam's government says it drained the marshes to improve the lot of the Marsh Arabs by bringing in farming, roads, electricity and other trappings of civilization. Critics contend that Saddam's only motive was to remove an isolated refuge for opponents.

Many Marsh Arabs have left.

Believed by Moslems to be the site of the Garden of Eden, the former expanse of reeds and papyrus, wild boar and water buffaloes now is desolate. Areas where water once stretched as far as the eye could see are now little more than salt pans dotted with brown, stagnant pools.

Between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, the man-made Saddam River now carries the flood waters that once fed the marshes down to the Persian Gulf.

"It is as if Genghis Khan has returned," whispered one English-speaking Marsh Arab, referring to the devastation wrought by the Mongol hordes that conquered the region in the 12th century.

Some can be seen working as laborers in the port of Basra. Others have been reported in Mosul and Kirkuk, more than 560 km to the northwest, and in Amman, Jordan. Many are said to have taken refuge in Iran.

"The culture will never be the same," said Sir Wilfred Thesiger, a British traveler and author who spent seven years in the marshes in the 1950s.

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Traditional reed houses are now scarce due to the lack of reeds. Those that remain no longer rise out of the waters like mini-cathedrals but sit in landlocked villages surrounded by mud homes.

Brides are no longer paddled to their groom's homes in canoes on their wedding night.

Iraqi officials say they do not have population figures for the area from either before or after the draining. Western estimates range from 150,000 to 650,000 just after the Gulf war ended, dropping to between 50,000 and 100,000 by mid-1994.

It may never be known how many Marsh Arabs died in the abortive Shi'ite uprising against Saddam or in fighting in the marshes themselves, or how many were driven out by the draining. It is clear many people are gone.

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Israeli and Palestinian police patrol together. PA police Maj.-Gen. Abdel Razak al Yahya says coordination and cooperation between Palestinian and Israeli security forces are vital to the success of Oslo 2. (Isaac Harari)

## Palestinians pleased with timetable

BACKGROUND  
LAMIA LAHOUD

THE Palestinian Authority official in charge of handling IDF redeployment in the territories says the timetable agreed upon with Israel is acceptable to the Palestinians, including the agreed election date of January 20.

Maj.-Gen. Abdel Razak al Yahya, who co-chairs the steering committee supervising redeployment with Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan, says implementation of the withdrawal and deployment of the Palestinian police can start immediately. Yahya is also co-chairman of the committee implementing the redeployment on the Palestinian side.

According to the timetable agreed upon by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO leader Yasser Arafat on Sunday, redeployment will start in Jenin on October 25 with the establishment of a joint District Coordination Office (DCO).

The first phase of redeployment from main districts in the territories, except for the Hebron area, will be finished by December 31 with Ramallah and the villages around Hebron. Redeployment from Hebron is scheduled for March when the bypass roads for Jewish settlers will be completed.

Yahya says the main dispute over the timetable centered on Bethlehem. Israel wanted to end redeployment from Bethlehem on Christmas Eve, but Palestinians insisted it should be completed several days earlier to give their police time to organize security and public order for the arrival of thousands of Christmas pilgrims and tourists. December 21 was finally agreed as the date.

The PA and Israel will next week start preparing procedures for pilgrims traveling between Jerusalem and Bethlehem, he says. Yahya adds that the final status of the territories will depend on the success or failure of the interim agreement. He says Oslo 2 is far more difficult than the Gaza-Jericho First accord because of the proximity of Palestinians and Jewish settlers, making good coordination and cooperation between Palestinian and Israeli security forces vital. However, he adds, both sides have learned lessons from Oslo 1 and have a better understanding of one another's positions.

He says the problems with Gaza-Jericho were mostly due to a lack of knowledge of the agreement among officers on both sides who were responsible for implementing it. With more confidence and respect on both sides, the PA and Israel have worked out an improved system of cooperation.

There is a Joint Security Committee (JSC) supervising the two new Regional Security Committees (RSCs), one each for Gaza and the West Bank, which will supervise the local DCOs. The West Bank is divided into eight districts, and Gaza into two, each with its own DCO.

The DCOs will coordinate security between the two sides, including joint patrols and mobile units.

The DCOs are also responsible for smooth changeovers from the

IDF to the Palestinian police in each district, meaning DCOs will start work several days before PA police deploy in each district. Yahya notes, IDF officers on DCOs will brief Palestinian police before they take over.

"The PA is well prepared for the takeover in Jenin," he adds. "Our officers have been briefed on the maps and their duties in the different areas, depending on the status of the area as A or B."

Area A comprises all cities in the territories, except for Hebron which has a mixed status. In area A, the PA will be in charge of civilian affairs, security and public order.

In area B - most villages and roads - Israel will remain in charge of overall security for the time being. The PA will take over civilian affairs and public order. Yahya points out that there will be joint patrols on main roads used by Israelis and Palestinians in area A until all the bypass roads have been completed.

In a few months both sides will discuss starting joint patrols in area B, he says.

According to the timetable, elections will take place on January 20, almost two months before the IDF redeployment from Hebron.

Hebronites have threatened to boycott elections unless there is full redeployment, but Yahya foresees no problem.

"We will work out special arrangements with the Israelis for elections in Hebron," he says.

Israel may suggest leaving most of the city during the elections, or the two sides could work out an arrangement for ballot stations only in areas of the city without an IDF presence.

"Hebronites have no reason to boycott elections since they know Israel has agreed to redeploy from most of Hebron city and hand over security, public order and civilian affairs to the PA," Yahya says.

The IDF will remain only in areas of the Old City where Jews live and around the Machpela Cave, he says. He adds that Israel has promised to normalize life in the Old City before elections. Some roads in the Old City have already been opened to Palestinian pedestrians, he says.

But Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe is skeptical.

He says Hebronites want Arafat to explain how elections can be held while the IDF is still present. Natshe says he hasn't seen the IDF doing much on the ground to normalize life. On the contrary, he says, the military governor had signs with PA slogans removed from three PA offices which recently moved to the Old City.

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## Kuwait's pious help Islamic bank's profits

HAMAD Suleiman believes putting money in a bank that pays no interest keeps both his soul and his pocketbook in good shape.

"It is a sin to take interest. That is usury," explains the US-educated Kuwaiti civil servant, who sports the unkempt beard common among pious Gulf Arabs.

That attitude has helped the Islamic finance institution Kuwait Finance House (KFH) to become a major force among the Gulf state's banks and to build a growing presence overseas.

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"Islam bans renting money," explains KFH chairman Bader al-Mukhaizeem at the company's plush skyscraper headquarters.

He says KFH submits its policies for approval to Islamic scholars to try to "fulfill the needs of many people in Kuwait to invest their money in accordance with Islamic teachings."

KFH, Kuwait's first and for many years its only Islamic bank, was founded in 1977. It quickly attracted big deposits from Kuwaitis who until then had kept their money either in cash or in non-interest bearing accounts at commercial banks.

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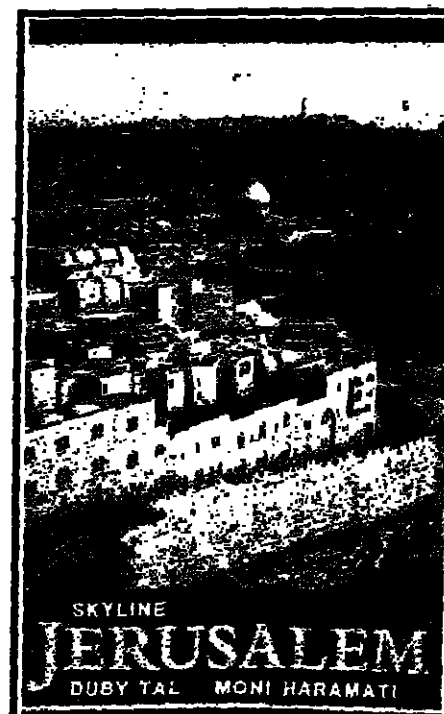
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## The Farrakhan message

FOR the numberless Jewish fighters for civil rights in America, those tireless men and women who dedicated their lives – and sometimes sacrificed them – in the fight for equality and justice, Monday's "Million Man March on Washington" must have been a bitter pill to swallow. For the first time since the civil rights struggle began, the leadership of African-Americans is in the hands of an unabashed antisemite, a bigot in the style of the Ku Klux Klan and the fascists of the 1930s, a man who openly and ostentatiously hates Jews.

Not that relations between American Jews and blacks have been rosy in the past few decades. Ironically, it was soon after the civil rights bills were passed and discrimination and segregation outlawed everywhere in the US – thanks largely to mutual Jewish-black efforts – that relations between the two communities soured. Washington March organizer Louis Farrakhan may be the first to call Jews "blood suckers," and "slave traders." But it was presidential candidate and generally respectable leader Reverend Jesse Jackson who has referred to New York as Hymietown and openly supported Syrian dictator Hafez Assad and Hamas.

Many explanations have been offered for the change: the blacks felt that they had to fight their own battles, without white help; many of the whites involved in what the blacks perceived as "exploitation" – inner city landlords, shopkeepers and teachers – were Jews; the pseudo-Islamic movements, gaining popularity and power as real improvement in the state of blacks failed to materialize, were disseminating antisemitic propaganda to satisfy their Arab financiers; the Jewish community, which at first supported affirmative action, changed its mind when it realized that quotas were hurting Jews in universities and the professions; the Jews' success in transforming themselves from an oppressed minority to an outstanding part of the establishment produced black envy.

It must be left to sociologists and psychologists to determine which of these and other explanations apply, and what factors have played a role in causing the estrangement between the two communities. But the results are as indisputable as they are sad. The African-American community today is arguably the most antisemitic in the US.

The very fact that most black politicians, including such luminaries as Jackson (who has tried a reconciliation with the Jewish

community) and Congressman Charles Rangel, have found it injudicious not to identify with an event masterminded by a Farrakhan is a measure of his popularity and the impact of his message. To comprehend the enormity of this identification one need only imagine what would have happened had an avowed white antisemite called for a march on Washington and garnered the same kind of support.

Most American Jewish organizations, with the commendable exception of the Anti-Defamation League, preferred to ignore the implications of the Washington event. Fearing that condemnation of Farrakhan would be interpreted as racism, they have apparently decided to let the establishment do the talking for them. Indeed, President Bill Clinton and General Colin Powell probably expressed what most Americans felt when they unequivocally rejected Farrakhan and what he stands for. Clinton applied referred to the black leader's rhetoric as "one man's message of malice and division."

But Jews must realize that far more dangerous than Farrakhan's fiery rhetoric is the campaign of historic revisionism which accompanies it. His charge that Jews were the leading slave traders and the foremost exploiters of blacks recalls the Big Lies of Nazi propaganda in the 1930s. But such poisonous fiction is being given legitimacy by tenured professors who spread propaganda in the guise of history, mindless advocates of "multi-culturalism" who support them, and weak-kneed university administrations who fear crossing them.

Nor are these charges the only ones of their kind. The demonization of Jews in universities, churches and "Nation of Islam" mosques covers the whole gamut of antisemitic lore. Holocaust denial and virulent anti-Zionism are but the best known, but by no means the only elements of the contemporary hate package.

What should worry America's Jews more than Farrakhan's rhetoric, then, is the acquiescence of the white establishment in this rewriting of history. The vast majority of white Americans still reject the more offensive epithets of bigots. But their children go to colleges in which Farrakhan's gospel is taught under Constitutional protection and with the tacit approval of the authorities. Unless such teaching is countered with a vigorous campaign of enlightenment, these children, both white and black, will not find Farrakhan's message of hatred quite as freakish and repulsive as their elders do.



## Six 'conventional lies'

MOSHE ZAK

ACCORDING to a recent survey in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, 60 percent of Arabs in the territories support the interim agreement with Israel, while 65 percent believe Israel has no right to exist. In other words, support for the agreement doesn't necessarily imply acceptance of Israel.

The assumption that Arabs who support Oslo 2 accept Israel's right to exist is only one of six conventional lies that have taken root among Israelis.

A second such lie is that we have "pulled out of Lebanon." We are still stuck in Lebanon 10 years after the national unity government's decision to withdraw, because the other side's government isn't prepared to maintain a peaceful border. The last few days have supplied bloody evidence of this.

One hears the third conventional lie repeated again and again: that the only solution to terrorism is a political one. But what kind of political solution can be reached with the people who blew up New York's World Trade Center, or the federal building in Oklahoma?

A fourth conventional lie brought out by government spokesmen after every terrorist attack in Israel is that terrorists are the enemies of peace, and are trying to undermine the Israel-PLO agreement. This assumption gives the government an excuse not to respond to Palestinian terrorism, which is ongoing despite the PLO's commitment to end it.

Whether or not the negotiations that have begun between the PLO and Hamas end in a compromise formula, they are evidence that Hamas is willing to grant the PLO a temporary halt in terrorist activity until the Palestinian Authority is in control of the territories promised it by Israel. Is more proof necessary that Hamas doesn't only not want to interfere with the implementation of Oslo 2, but is even willing to aid it?

The fifth conventional lie: The end of occupation means the end of terror. The Algerian bombs in Paris and Lyons are proof this isn't so.

There is a sixth conventional lie. It isn't an Israeli invention, but a Syrian one, and it has gained a firm hold in Israel. It is Hafez Assad's statement that he has made a strategic decision in favor of peace with Israel.

Assad has made no such decision – and if he says he has, it is to

### Assad believes he can weaken Israel through quasi-negotiations

cover the fact that his war option crumbled together with the collapse of his strategic pillar, the Soviet Union.

Assad has never revealed the price he is willing to pay for his "strategic decision in favor of peace," nor has he shown any willingness for compromise. Nonetheless, Israel responded to his first demands by stating it was ready for a withdrawal from the Golan.

But that doesn't satisfy Assad. He has demanded Israel's explicit commitment to withdraw to the June 4, 1967 borders – in other words, Israeli recognition of Syria's conquest of land after invading Israel in 1948, and Israeli acceptance of Syrian conquests beyond the international border.

ASSAD deflated the "strategic decision in favor of peace" balloon by refusing to discuss setting up early warning stations on both sides of the border. And he re-

neged on his agreement to begin talks between IDF and Syrian officers as a continuation of meetings between the two chiefs of staff.

Yet our government still persists in believing that Assad has made a "strategic decision in favor of peace." It still assumes that his desire to regain the Golan will outweigh his lack of enthusiasm for genuine peace with Israel.

As Assad explained to the editor of Egypt's *Al-Ahram* last week, he's in no rush. He has no problem with the status quo, whereby the Golan is in Israeli hands, and there is no formal state of peace. It suits him to give protection to the headquarters of the Palestinian terror organizations in Damascus, and Hizbullah's threatening Israel from Syrian-controlled Lebanon is just fine.

Assad, who hasn't relinquished the banner of Ba'athist ideology, has lost nothing by his extended negotiations with the US and indirect talks with Israel. Egypt, the PLO and Jordan have left him the only authentic representative of Pan-Arab nationalism vis-à-vis Israel. Assad finds his courtship by the US and Israel very convenient, and he believes that these quasi-negotiations only weaken Israel.

After the Six Day War, some Arab intellectuals claimed that the only way to erode Israel was through peace, which might isolate Israel from the source of its strength, world Jewry. Western journals ran articles in this vein by Boutros Boutros Ghali and Albert Hourani.

Assad has improved on the concept. He wants to achieve similar ends not via genuine peace, but through brandishing a "strategic decision in favor of peace."

We must not give any credence whatever to the conventional lie of Assad's readiness for genuine peace.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on public affairs.

## Civil disdain

PHIL BAUM

THE extreme right in Israel has seized upon a tactic most recently made famous by the extreme left in the US, as a way of challenging the decisions of their democratically elected government. Civil disobedience has become the tool of choice for those in Israel who seek to undermine the peace process.

It is difficult to fault any group for using a method sanctioned and graced by Henry David Thoreau, Mahatma Gandhi, and Martin Luther King. Nonetheless, more than any other form of social protest, this is a course of conduct whose moral quality depends on considerations of context and circumstance. And those considerations are independent and separate from whether one agrees with the social or political objectives being pursued.

Under the best of circumstances, civil disobedience is a morally uncertain and dangerous strategy, one that has challenged political theorists for centuries. The only point upon which there is genuine consensus is that, when confronted with an unjust, peptempory and overbearing government, with no possibility of change through persuasion, argument or other pacific means, civil disobedience is morally justified.

Clearly, the requisite conditions were satisfied in the case of Gandhi's protest against the British, and no less so in the case of Martin Luther King facing repressive, exclusionary state governments in the American South.

But how in the world do they apply to the current right-wing protests?

In this country there are free elections, a Knesset, a contentious press, and complete freedom for strenuous debate. As our political history has repeatedly proved, the conditions and opportunity for orderly political change are amply available and accessible.

Indeed, the Oslo 2 agreement has just been ratified by the Knesset by the slimmest possible mar-

### The tactic used by right-wing protesters strikes at democracy

gin, and the chance that the vote will be reversed on similar issues in the future cannot be foreclosed.

CURRENT right-wing civil disobedience cannot, without cynicism, be passed off as an exercise in nonviolence. More subtly than some others, perhaps, but no less deliberately, these practitioners of civil disobedience rely for their effectiveness on the ultimate deployment of force.

When masses of people lie down and block a traffic intersection, they expect – indeed hope – that police will be dispatched. They count on the inevitable photographs of helpless, innocent demonstrators struggling in the arms of helmeted police wearing fearsome opaque visors, armed with batons, using water hoses or other photographic examples of civil oppression.

It is unacceptable to claim a nonviolent intention when the strategy is calculated to incite and inspire a violent response. It is the fact of that response and the resulting public shock and notoriety that is the principal objective of the act.

There is a difference between peaceful assembly and mass action designed to challenge the continued functioning of government. In a democracy, peaceful protest must be guaranteed every possible protection. But unless there is a decision that the existing social order is fundamentally untenable and not worth preserving, it is irresponsible to the point of immorality to seek to tear apart the basic fabric of society.

Civil disobedience may be morally justified as a surrogate for revolution; it is not justified as a surrogate for public relations.

To be sure, there are truly passive forms of civil disobedience not designed to incite the use of force. Hunger strikes are an example. But these strategies are less frequently used because their nonviolent character renders them less spectacular, and therefore less effective.

The right-wing demonstrators maintain they are expressing their disdain for the Rabin government. In fact, they are expressing their disdain for democracy.

The writer is executive director of the American Jewish Congress.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'ZO ARTZENU'

Sir, – In his article of September 14, Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein denounces Zo Artzenu for having planted children at the head of demonstrations.

In fact, there were two separate actions the day before. The Women in Green went with their children to meet with President Weizman. Afterwards those women who chose to join the Zo Artzenu demonstration several blocks away left their children in the care of others.

In comparing Zo Artzenu to "our foes" (currently our "partners in peace"), Mr. Rubinstein disenfranchises an entire segment of the public and exacerbates tensions among the very people he seeks to unify. In so doing, he seems more a propaganda minister than an education minister.

As a participant in the Zo Artzenu demonstration, I also take issue with the allegation that demonstrators were "...scuffling with and verbally abusing police and soldiers..." Our organization is committed to non-violence, both physical and verbal. Demonstrators were instructed by the organizers beforehand not to bring weapons, to tie their hands above their heads and when approached by the police, to peacefully sit down and not resist arrest. The reality I observed stood in direct contrast to the implication of the above quote that it was the demonstrators who initiated the scuffling. Although it must be said in their favor that they did not physically attack those who had their hands tied above their heads, it seems the police felt at liberty to brutally attack ("disperse") peaceful demonstrators without provocation.

JOSH WANDER  
Jerusalem.

### HABONIM REUNION

Sir, – This is the 60th anniversary of North American Habonim Dror. In celebration of this event, there will be a reunion at Kibbutz Gezer on Saturday November 4.

The registration fee of NIS 40 will include a light kosher lunch and snacks. A limited number of overnight accommodations for Friday and/or Saturday will be available. Please call me at 09-601769 for further information and to register.

ADA AGRONIN  
Chairperson, Reunion Committee  
Herzliya.

### GRIM ALTERNATIVES

Sir, – At the present rate of giveaways, Israel's 50th anniversary will probably be its last. Now we must yield because we can't let 450 Hebrew residents stand in the way of peace. Next it will be the few thousand people who live in the settlements who can't be the obstacle. From there it's not much of a step to abandoning the few million who live in the larger cities.

To those who staunchly support the "peace process" and to those who abstain from objecting because they believe it will not affect them I feel obliged to say that their future options will be to either live under Palestinian rule or to ask for political asylum elsewhere. I hope they will give thought to these alternatives.

ANNE GASNER  
Jerusalem.

### LOGICAL CONCLUSION

Sir, – Prime Minister Rabin recently stated that Jews who do not have sons and daughters in the army defending the state should not be giving ideas on how to carry out the government's agreements with the PLO, and should stick to other problems. This is an interesting statement and should be carried out to its logical conclusion: the Arabs in the Knesset should not be allowed to vote on the fate of the State of Israel as they do not participate in the defense of the state.

MURRAY S. GREENFIELD  
Tel Aviv.

### PERSPECTIVE NEEDED

Sir, – It seems President Ezer Weizman does not see the wood for the trees. His decision to stop the release of the two Palestinian women prisoners is shortsighted and ill-judged.

In order to make peace, the killings of war must be relegated to the past. War crimes are an exception. Are the two Palestinian women guilty of war crimes?

It is hard to criticize the president of the State of Israel for he is supposed to be our symbol of dignity and wisdom. The present one is destroying that image. He meddles rather than presides.

A little study of history, especially recent French and British colonial history, could give him a perspective he lacks.

ANNA BEGUN  
Tel Aviv.

### CROSSED WIRES

Sir, – In his article "A recipe for anarchy" (September 14), Amnon Rubinstein seems to have gotten his wires crossed.

Referring to "Zo Artzenu," he says "by trampling on the nation's civil code of ethics, they mock the laws and authority that guarantee their freedom of expression." The trampling is being done by a minority government which has no ethics and has signed an agreement with the terrorist Arafat. Rabin's new-found peace partner has chosen to ignore most of the clauses in that agreement and Rabin has chosen to ignore the infractions. As for "freedom of expression," the only forum for that scarce commodity these days is in the Knesset where our self-seeking politicians, without any restrictions, can babble incessantly, scream, yell, punch and hold solid ground strikes on any subject, in any manner, thus relieving their frustrations. But what about that part of the population to whom Rabin has turned a deaf ear and a callous heart? For them, there is no "freedom of expression." This government has premeditatedly and villainously used threats and brutality to shut them up.

As for Rubinstein's statement, "who makes the laws in the country – elected officials, or a bunch of misguided offenders bent on destroying our foundations for the sake of political gain?" I could have sworn that he was talking about the government.

FRAN GOLDSTEIN  
Givat Shimon.

### HOLY SITES

Sir, – I assume that there are secular Arabs among the Palestinians. But I can't imagine that, were they to achieve the leadership of their people, they would dismiss the devotion of their religious brothers to Moslem holy sites.

When the rest of the world sees that the Jewish leaders view the holiness of our sites as just another piece of real estate, while the Moslems revere all of them, they cannot help but agree to the Arab claims. It doesn't take a judgment of Solomon to decide who are the legitimate owners of the Holy Land. The behavior of the claimants is more convincing than any argument.

ZVI STONE  
Jerusalem.

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## Sudden mood swing may be cause for worry

**O**UR 16-year-old son has been acting strangely lately. He stays in his room a lot, keeps to himself, and seems very secretive. Could he be getting into drugs?

Hilorie Baer, MSW, psychotherapist and addiction specialist, replies:

Mood swings and changes in attitude and behavior are often seen in teenagers and may simply be signs of normal adolescent angst. However, if they are extreme or are affecting the child's functioning, they could be signs of drug abuse or some other serious problem and should not be ignored.

Signs of drug abuse may include: erratic mood swings; irritability; falling grades; truancy; lack of interest in usual activities; changes in eating and sleeping habits; weight loss; and changes in personal hygiene. To explore what is going on, you might do the following:

1. Talk to your child. Ask him directly and specifically about your concerns rather than confronting him about possible drug abuse.

You could say something like, "We noticed that you have been spending more time by yourself"; "you're not talking to us like you used to"; or "you seem to be less interested in school and we're concerned." It is important for parents to let their child know that they see

what is going on in his life.

2. Find out if other people in your child's life — such as teachers, friends and neighbors — share your concerns and/or have information that you lack. Don't keep this exploration a secret from your child.

3. If after you take these steps you continue to have concerns, you may want to intervene. Try to get support as early as possible. When parents feel alone they often feel helpless. Possible sources of support are people who are already in your child's life, as well as professionals who work with teenagers.

If the problem does turn out to be drug-related, it's important for you to know this is a problem that can be addressed with professional help, and the earlier one intervenes the more effective the intervention will be. Denial only allows the problem to continue and worsen. Do not allow your child's anger or frustration at your efforts to keep you from taking the steps you feel are necessary.

### PARENTING

RUTH MASON

I'm embarrassed to write this, but in my four-year-old's nursery school, all the children pick their noses and eat the snot! Now my son has started doing it too. Why do kids do this? Is there a nutritional reason for it? Should we ignore it or tell him to stop?

It's hard to believe that a nursery school exists in which all the children exhibit the behavior you describe. If this really is true, then the school and the parents need professional counseling.

Generally, there is no reason to worry about children's preoccupation with their bodily secretions. It is natural and normal to try and look, smell, touch and even taste all of them (although there is no nutritional value to any of them).

It is also natural and normal for adults to educate children towards internalizing basic rules of human culture.

Not educating for manners in a way that is age-appropriate is no better than providing too harsh an education. Both are unnatural and harmful. Find a middle road and don't be afraid to teach your standards to your son.

If you have a question about parenting, write to: Parenting, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

## Environmentalists bet foe on Earth's state in 2005

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

**W**HAT will the future bring? Is the world headed for development or destruction? Poverty or plenty? Health or hopelessness?

These are questions being debated around the world and most of us have formed an opinion. But few of us would be willing to place a cash-down bet that we're right.

Three Americans, two of them environmental specialists and one a professor of business administration, are willing to back their predictions with a sizable amount of money.

The environmentalists are Stanford University's Paul Ehrlich and Stephen Schneider, and they say that the current worsening of the world's environmental condition will result in world poverty, that the current world-wide AIDS epidemic will reach catastrophic proportions and that global warming and ozone depletion will bring about a failure of agriculture and mass starvation. These opinions have been widely stated and published.

Julian Simon is a much read and quoted professor from the University of Maryland in College Park. A right-wing economist, Simon regularly refers to environmentalists as "doom-sayers" and "prophets of disaster." According to Simon, the world situation is improving and will continue to improve.

It was this difference of opinion that led Simon to challenge "any wrong-headed doomsayer" who disagrees to take up the gauntlet and place a bet. In the pages of the *San Francisco Chronicle* Simon offered to bet

anyone \$1,000 on any "trend pertaining to material human welfare." The bets are to be placed now, and in 2005 a panel appointed by the president of the US National Academy of Science will decide who wins.

Ehrlich and Schneider are both willing to take up Simon's challenge. They have placed bets on each of 15 environmental trends they believe will worsen over the next 10 years. Their list includes: rising global temperatures, increased AIDS infection, ocean depletion, decreased wheat and rice production, lower human sperm counts, more air and water pollution, less arable crop land and disappearing rain forests.

Simon places his faith and roots his optimism in the ingenuity of the human race and points out the positive trends he sees: increased life expectancy, greater access to health care, improvement in education and literacy. He believes that the undeniable deteriorations to which the environmentalists point are temporary situations soon to be remedied by technological advances.

Better cars and improved industrial processes will result in decreased air and water pollution, Simon believes. Bio-engineering will produce high-yield crops and modern aquaculture will mean more fish. A treatment and, perhaps, a cure for AIDS is on the horizon, he says, as well as a vaccine to prevent its spread. Longer life expectancy will be a consequence of better education and health care.

This is not the first encounter of this sort between Simon and Ehrlich. Fifteen years ago Simon bet Ehrlich and two physicists at the University of California at Berkeley that the price of five important metals would not increase over a 10-year period. The physicists and the environmentalist said that world reserves of these metals were being depleted and that scarcity would raise their price. In the end, the prices of all five metals remained stable and Simon collected \$3,000 from his antagonists.

It is not only these three experts who are involved in the wager. From the time the news of the bet reached the Internet the two opposing camps started to gather support — both authorities and interested amateurs have joined in the game. Side bets between opposing parties proliferated over the Net and at this point no one knows just how much money is riding on the outcome. The fact that Simon won the previous bet tilts the odds in his favor where many are concerned. Others say that Ehrlich and Schneider have chosen trends that will be hard to reverse. They point out that the selection of a specific trend doesn't prove that human welfare will be harmed and that Simon's predictions are more specific in this area.

But whether or not Simon's luck will hold and his predictions will be found valid, Ehrlich and Schneider say they will be satisfied. If they win they will have proven their prediction to be correct, while if they lose all human-kind will benefit.

## Warnings, hint of menace in Canadian appeals for Quebec not to separate

**P**ART love note, part threat. It's a distinctively mixed message that English-speaking Canadians are sending to their French-speaking compatriots in Quebec.

With few exceptions, Canadians outside Quebec want the province to stay in Canada and hope for a "No" vote in an independence referendum October 30. Schoolchildren, mayors and sports heroes, among others, have joined campaigns to make the Quebecois feel wanted.

But the please-don't-go appeals often have a hard edge. There is little empathy for Quebec nationalism and a strong sentiment that the mostly French-speaking province should expect no favors if it does break away.

Michael Bliss, a history professor at the University of Toronto, predicts that a separatist victory will trigger a massive anti-Quebec backlash, "quite uncontrollable by our political and business establishment."

"Our low-key, diffident lifestyle masks an intense love for the country," Bliss wrote in *The Toronto Star*. "Put the country in danger, try to divide it ... and you will create animosity of immense, awesome and frightening proportions."

A nationwide poll released Wednesday indicated that 71% of non-Quebecois opposed forming a special political and economic

partnership with an independent Quebec. Such a partnership is a cornerstone of the separatists' campaign.

The Angus Reid poll also indicated that three-quarters of non-Quebecois opposed letting citizens of an independent Quebec use the Canadian dollar or Canadian passports. The poll of 1,103 non-Quebecois had a margin of error of 3%.

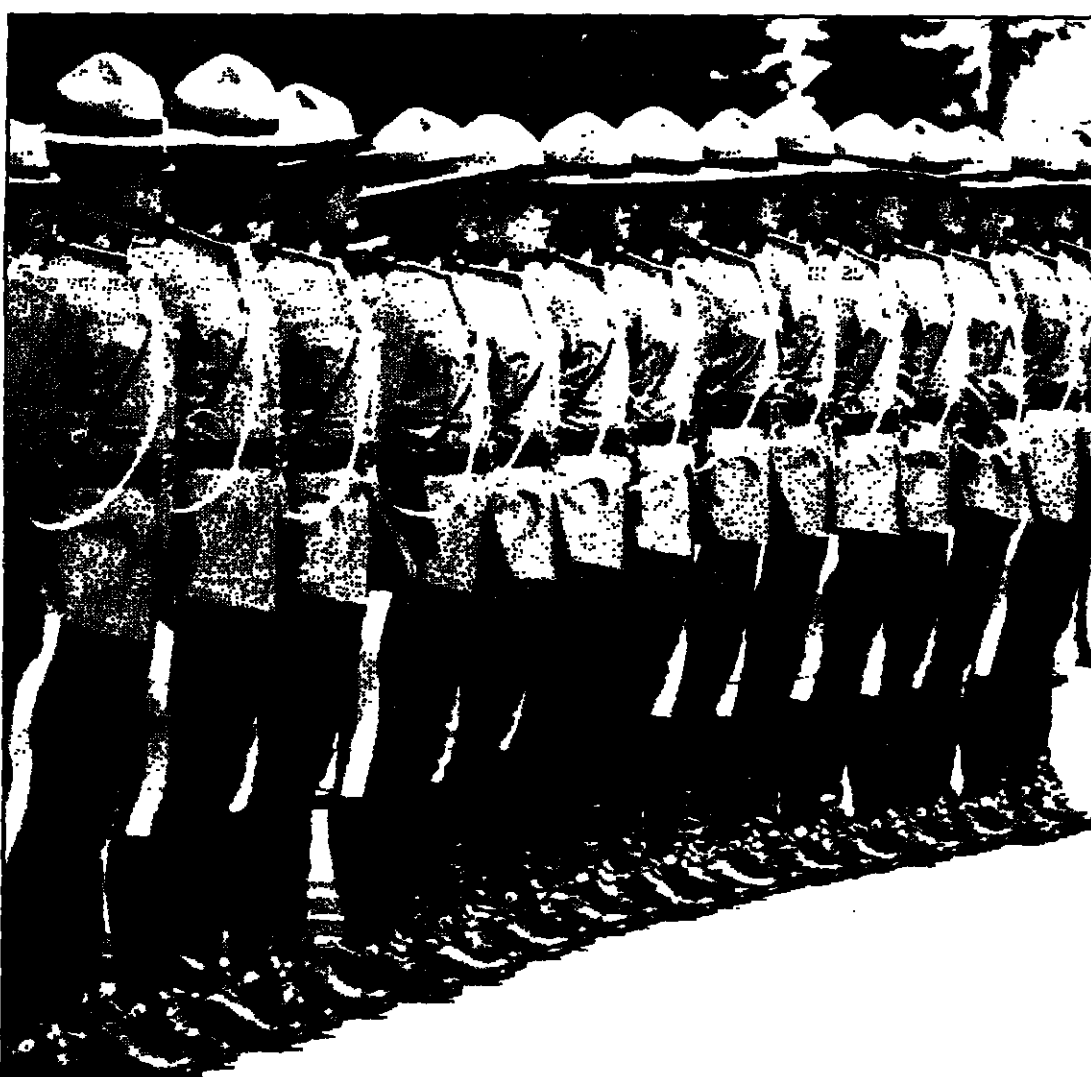
In the western province of Alberta, hardliners are conducting a petition drive urging the government to make clear that the Quebecois — if they endorse independence — would lose Canadian citizenship and passports. The petition also demands that Quebec assume its share of the national debt before Canada enters any partnership negotiations.

"We want Quebec to stay in Canada, but there will be no free ride in future negotiations," said Brian Lee, a former Conservative member of the Alberta legislature.

SOME PETITION drives are more conciliatory. In Toronto, for example, two students are seeking petitions from all high-school student councils nationwide supporting a united Canada.

"We live in the best country in the world and we want to keep it that way," said Jesse Moore, 17.

In British Columbia, 86 mayors endorsed a resolution telling the Quebecois they are "very much



Will the Royal Canadian Mounted Police stand on guard for Quebec after October 30? (UPP)

wanted and needed as part of Canada." The resolution invited Quebec to join western provinces in a renewed push for reform of the federal system.

But even in British Columbia's supposedly tolerant major city, Vancouver, hostility can surface. Numerous fans booed Monday when a pop group sang part of the national anthem in French at the season-opening National Hockey League game of the Vancouver Canucks.

Prime Minister Jean Chretien, a native Quebecois who vigorously opposes the separatists, said he was glad most Canadians had kept their temper during the referendum debate.

"They want to get you angry so you reject the Quebecois," Chretien told a Vancouver audience Tuesday. "It hasn't worked.... You just told the Quebecois in your way, by the way you have handled the situation up to now, that you want Quebec to remain in Canada."

Quebec's separatist premier, Jacques Parizeau, has said in the past that his side — now trailing in the polls — would benefit if there was a provocation similar to an incident in 1989 when a Quebec flag was trampled in an Ontario town.

There is a fundamental gap in the perceptions of English-speaking Canadians, who view their country as a federation of 10 co-

equal provinces, and Quebec nationalists, who view themselves as a distinct society that deserves special recognition.

"Few English Canadians have ever come to terms with the notion that French Canadians constitute a distinct people, let alone a nation," York University professor Kenneth McRoberts said in a recent lecture. "In part, this reflects simple antagonism to Quebec, with the belief that Quebec has already received more than its fair share of attention and benefits."

Particularly galling to many Canadians are the separatists' expectations of retaining special links to Canada even after breaking it apart.

"They were used to having their own way," said an editorial in the *Post-Gazette*, a weekly in Oromocto, New Brunswick. "Now, arrogantly, they want out. And they want to take everything that is not strapped down with them, including our dollars, our passport and everything in between."

One Alberta woman, Patricia Wynn, wrote a letter to the *Red Deer Advocate* suggesting Quebec and the rest of Canada were like Siamese twins, bickering sometimes but linked inextricably.

"If Quebec leaves Canada, where will they go?" she asked. (AP)

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## BUSINESS &amp; FINANCE

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## US announces free trade policy for Palestinian areas

STEVE RODAN

US TRADE Representative Mickey Kantor held talks with Israeli officials yesterday to iron out details of a free trade zone in the autonomous Palestinian areas that will match those of the 10-year-old US accord with Jerusalem.

Kantor said the decision for reciprocal duty-free treatment for Palestinian and American products "is not an agreement between the US and the Palestinian Authority, [but] is a unilateral step" meant to help the economic aspects of the peace process.

He said the aspects of the duty-free arrangement is that both Palestinians and Americans provide free access to each other's goods; third countries cannot use either side to benefit from the free-trade zones; and the Palestinians do not help the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

The US envoy said he did not expect congressional opposition to the Palestinian free trade zone, despite legislation in the House of Representatives that would link American aid to the Palestinian Authority honoring its agreements with Israel.

Trade and Industry Minister Micha Harish said he supported the US decision for a free trade zone in Gaza, Judea and Samaria.

He added that the accord would only bolster Israeli-Palestinian economic cooperation, given their accord to charge an equal customs rate.

"We have been encouraging this," Harish said. "Israel wants to make sure that these proposals are consistent with the Israel-PA accords and the US trade agreement with Israel."

Harish and Kantor spent two hours reviewing US-Israel trade



US Trade Representative Mickey Kantor and Trade and Industry Minister Micha Harish discuss a range of issues yesterday in the capital.

relations. They said they covered 15 topics, including several matters in dispute.

Kantor said the Clinton administration has agreed to delay a change in its rule of origin, which would determine the producer of goods arriving to the US. Israel had opposed changing the rules unilaterally.

On another issue, Kantor said Israel and the US would negotiate for agricultural trade.

The Clinton administration,

which has been clamoring for increased Israeli purchases of US goods, wants to export US fruits and vegetables to Israel.

US exports to Israel have grown from \$1.8 billion in 1984, on the eve of the free trade agreement, to more than \$5b. last year. Still, the lion's share of Israeli imports comes from Europe, a source of irritation for US officials.

Kantor also dismissed a New

York Times report that the CIA was spying on Japanese trade delegates and sending its findings to Kantor during US-Japanese negotiations earlier this year. "Our trade relations have never been stronger for both countries," he said.

Blomberg reported that the US also "expressed its concerns" about pending Israeli legislation that would, Kantor said, violate patent rights, particularly in pharmaceuticals.

## Teva resubmits request for Copaxone approval

RACHEL NEIMAN

facturing and control section of the FDA.

Teva has met with the FDA and provided material relating to those standards and markers since the request for additional information.

"Based on these discussions and the successful preparation of

the required data, we anticipate the registration application will be accepted and reviewed by the FDA in the near future," said Teva (USA) CEO and president William Fletcher.

A registration for Copaxone, filed by Teva with the British Medicines Control Agency in early September is presently under review.

## Inflation pegged at 8.8% for '95

RACHEL NEIMAN and GALIT LIPKIS BECK

INFLATION will be 8.8 percent this year, while the GNP growth rate will be 5.2%, according to a Chambers of Commerce survey announced yesterday.

The survey also said the devaluation of the shekel to the dollar will be 5.2% for 1995, while the currency basket rate will be 6.2%.

The market situation was good, according to 68% of the 40 industry heads surveyed, while 24% said the market was only moderate. Eight percent said the market was very good and none said the market was bad.

The average government budget deficit was seen as fair among 60% of those surveyed, while 40% said the debt was either high or very high.

The Treasury's monetary policy was perceived as suited to market needs by 36% of those surveyed, while 40% said the policy suited market needs only in part. Twenty-four percent said monetary policy was either unsuited or even damaging to the market.

Apartment prices have registered a 65% real rise in prices since 1980, while rentals have gone up 100% in real terms, according to Bank Hapoalim's Consumer Price Index survey.

Hapoalim said the rise in rents is mainly due to immigrants' demand for rented property, which was highest from 1990-1992. Since 1993, the rise in rents has fallen, reflecting immigrants' preference to buy their own homes. About 68% of families that immigrated between 1989 and 1994 own their own apartments.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

Israel Phoenix Insurance and the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel (AACI) have established an insurance agency for the association's 20,000 members. Phoenix said the agency will supply regular insurance products, such as automobile, house, life, dental and health insurance policies. The agency will also supply cargo insurance. Galit Lipkis Beck

Ministry reevaluates refrigerator tax: The Industry and Trade Ministry has decided to reevaluate the tax currently imposed on 22-cubic-meter-volume refrigerators, deputy minister Masha Lubelsky said yesterday. Based on a longstanding tax formula, 22-cubic-meter refrigerators are subject to a tax 40 percent greater than the tax on smaller refrigerators.

Israeli families prefer the larger models, but the current tax is prohibitive, a ministry statement said. All 22-cubic-meter refrigerators are imported, as there is no local manufacturer of refrigerators this size. Post Business Staff

Ormat Industries yesterday signed a \$1.5 million joint venture agreement with the Chinese province of Yunnan to develop and provide geothermal electricity. The project is Ormat's third in China. Ormat has been awarded a 30-year contract as a provider to China's national electric company. The first stage in the Yunnan project will be the building of a 15-megawatt power station at the Tengchong geothermal field. The project is expected to bring in between \$250m. and \$300m. once the geothermal field has been utilized to its projected maximum of 200 megawatts.

Yunnan, located in southern China on the border of Burma, Vietnam and Laos, has 34 million residents, of which some 10 million live in cities. The province was recently named to a government list of those regions deserving preferential treatment for economic development. Rachel Neiman

'Change tax on losses from investments in securities': Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Israel president Doron Tamir has appealed to Finance Minister Avraham Shikhat to amend the income tax law regarding losses from investments in securities. According to the existing law, investors who make a loss on their investments in securities are obliged to pay income tax despite the loss.

Tamir has appealed to the ministry to allow investors to write off the loss from security investments with earnings from other sources of income. Galit Lipkis Beck

## WORLD BRIEFS

GM third-quarter earnings better than expected: General Motors Corp., bolstered by reduced losses in North America and tax benefits overseas, yesterday reported a stronger-than-expected profit of \$642 million for the third quarter. Wall Street analysts had expected GM to report earnings of \$450m. to \$500m. for the seasonally slow quarter, below the \$552m. earned in the 1994 period.

But losses in high-tax Europe and profits in low-tax countries elsewhere combined to give GM an effective tax rate of 1.9 percent for the quarter, compared with about 37% normally. The low rate pumped up GM's profits by about \$110m. more than normal, it said. Reuter

General Electric post higher third quarter earnings: General Electric Co., the diversified engineering and power conglomerate, yesterday reported higher third quarter earnings. Earnings for the quarter rose to \$1.6 billion, or 96 cents a share, on revenues of \$17.3b. A year earlier it earned \$1.4b., or 80 cents a share, on revenues of \$14.6b. Reuter

Time Warner losses grow as music business struggles: Time Warner Inc. yesterday reported a third-quarter loss as the entertainment giant closed or restructured parts of its music business, offsetting gains in publishing, movies and cable television. Time Warner's losses widened to \$144 million in the quarter ended September 30 from \$32m. in the year-ago period. Revenue rose to \$1.9 billion from \$1.8b. Reuter

## IBM loses \$543 million in quarter

ARMONK, N.Y. (Reuters) - International Business Machines Corp. yesterday reported a loss of \$543 million for the third quarter, but the red ink included a charge of \$1.8 billion related to its acquisition of Lotus Development Corp.

Excluding the purchase of Lotus, IBM said its profits rose to \$1.3b., or \$2.30 a share, compared with earnings of \$689m., or \$1.18 a share, in the same period of 1994.

Including the Lotus purchase, IBM lost 96 cents a share for the quarter.

IBM said it planned to take an additional charge of \$800m. in the fourth quarter to pay for ongoing expense reductions, which will include staff cuts.

IBM said the limited work force reductions will occur in some business units in the fourth quarter, but it did not give more specific information or numbers.

The company reported sales of \$16.8b., an increase of nine percent from the \$15.4b. in sales it recorded a year earlier.

## Tadiran signs deal with Polish firm

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

TADIRAN Consumer Products and the Polish Kombinat PZL Hydral company have signed an agreement to establish a Tadiran air-conditioner assembly line in Poland.

According to the agreement, which is estimated at more than \$10 million in revenues a year, Tadiran will supply the known how. The Polish company will

market the air-conditioners in Eastern Europe.

Tadiran Consumer Products general manager Moshe Hurwitz said his company will help plan the assembly lines and the support network.

Tadiran will also help supply equipment for the air-condition-

ers and training of the company's production, installation and service workers.

Hurwitz said Kombinat has already made an advance payment of \$1.3 million for the planning, know how and training Tadiran has agreed to supply.

Kombinat will also pay Tadiran \$200,000 for air-conditioners already purchased from the firm.

## 'Vegetable prices 40% lower than last year'

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

VEGETABLES prices are 40 percent lower than in the same period last year, despite the rise in prices the last few weeks, Eitan Ben-David, manager of the Agriculture Ministry's vegetable marketing division said yesterday.

Fruit and vegetable prices rose 6.1% in September, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics, mainly due to the shortage of workers after the closure of the territories.

Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsor said the rise in prices is also due to seasonal factors.

According to Ben-David, tomato prices were NIS 2.5 per kilo on the wholesale market yesterday, down 50% from the same period last year.

## Provident funds at FIBI, Mizrahi return negative real yields of 0.5%

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

FIRST International Bank's and United Mizrahi Bank's provident funds returned negative real yields of about 0.5 percent last month, in line with the other large commercial banks.

Mizrahi's Aid and Lior funds achieved negative real yields of 0.24% in September.

In the first nine months of the year, Aid achieved a cumulative

real positive yield of 1.7%, while Lior reported a positive yield of 1.95%.

First International Bank's Mel-tav fund achieved a negative real yield of 0.48% last month and positive return of 1.81% since the start of the year.

The Atidut fund reported a

negative return of 0.5% in September and positive return of 1.57% in the first nine months of the year.

Since the start of the year, First International Bank's funds achieved average real yields of between 0.72% and 2.4%, while Mizrahi's funds achieved real yields of between 1.05% and 2.38%.

## EFI announces 91% rise in net profits

RACHEL NEIMAN

ELECTRONICS for Imaging yesterday announced a 91 percent increase in third quarter net profits to \$9.72 million from \$5m. during the same period last year.

Revenues for the three-month period rose to \$48.5m. from \$32.5m., while earnings per share jumped to \$0.73 from \$0.41.

Gross profit margins remained at 50%.

Net profits for the nine-month period wet up to \$25.18m. from \$13.67m. Revenues rose to \$133.66m. from \$90m., while earnings per share increased to \$1.91 from \$1.09.

"We are pleased to announce these record results, including our 17th consecutive quarterly in-

crease in revenue," said EFI president Dan Avideh.

After the release of the results, brokerages Unterberg Harris, Prudential and Robertson Stephens raised 1995 earnings per share estimates for EFI and reiterated Buy recommendations.

Purman Selz decided to keep 1995 and 1996 EPS estimates, but said EFI should benefit from higher sales to the Japanese market and from the "strong seasonal fourth quarter seen at office manufacturers."

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Patash (foreign currency deposit rates) (12.10.95)				
Currency (deposit term)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	Rep. Rate
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	5.000	5.000	5.125	3.4510
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.750	4.750	4.875	3.9860
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.500	2.500	2.625	4.7105
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	1.250	1.250	1.375	5.0022
Yen (¥10 million year)	1.250	1.250	1.375	2.6770
Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (17.10.95)				
Currency basket	Buy	Sell	Rep. Rate	
U.S. dollar	3.4025	3.4575	2.91	3.4510
German mark	2.9700	3.0180	2.05	3.9860
Pound sterling	2.0800	2.1280	2.05	4.7105
French franc	4.8800	4.9280	0.88	5.0022
Japanese yen (¥100)	0.0088	0.0092	0.88	2.6770
Dutch guilder	1.8940	1.9420	2.90	1.8900
Swiss franc	2.6770	2.7250	1.89	2.6770
Scandinavian krona	0.4580	0.4680	0.45	2.6770
Norwegian krona	0.4700	0.4800	0.45	2.6770
Danish krona	0.5280	0.5380	0.45	2.6770
Finland mark	0.6000	0.6100	0.45	2.6770
Canadian dollar	0.7010	0.7110	0.72	2.6770
Australian dollar	0.7010	0.7110	0.72	2.6770
S. African rand	0.8125	0.8225	0.72	2.6770
British pound (£100)	1.0140	1.0240	0.99	4.7105
Australian dollar (¥10)	0.0175	0.0179	0.99	2.6770
Italian Lira (1000)	1.8530	1.8630	1.82	2.6770
Japanese Yen	—	—	4.00	1.8720
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THE 13th Early Music Workshop concludes with two festive concerts featuring workshop teachers in a program of music by Bach, Monteverdi, Marcolli, Locatelli, Geminiani, and others. Among the performers are bass Richard Wisniewski, baroque flutist Janet See, cellist Marion Middeyway and harpsichordist John Toll. St. Andrew's Church in Jerusalem at 8:30.

American conductor Leonid Grin leads the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba in Brahms's Second Serenade and Copland's Music for Theater. Spanish pianist Homero Franceschi joins to play Mozart's 23rd (K.488) piano concerto. Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and next Thursday in Beersheba; Sunday at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem, and Wednesday in Ashkelon at 8:30.

The Israel Chamber Orchestra opens its family concert series with *The Gypsies are Coming*. Doron Solomon is on the podium and his wife, Nitzit Shaul, narrates a concert which also features some ballet students. The actual program, however, was not announced to ticket buyers. Today (4 and 5:30) and tomorrow (5:30) at the Tel Aviv Museum.

After performing for two long weeks at the inaugural Leonard Bernstein Conducting Competition, the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra returns to its regular activities. Tomorrow at 1 music director David Shallon leads an open studio lunchtime concert at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem. The program features Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique* and the overture *Spring* by recently deceased Israeli composer Menahem Avidon, an opus written for the 25th birthday of the State of Israel.

The Ashdod Chamber Orchestra, under music director Luis Golek, performs Bartok's *Diverimento*, Vivaldi's *Gloria* and the world premiere of Benjamin Yonpov's *Nostalgia*. The soloists are soprano Shirley Hecht and alto Donna Stone and the Kfar Sava Chamber and Ma'ayan choirs are also on hand. Tomorrow at 8:30 in Yad Labanin in Ashdod.

FILMS

ADINA HOFFMAN

\*\*\* FARINELLI - Gerard Corbani's movie is a bit like a high-chili by a diva for as long as her cavernous lungs will allow. Dazzling, sumptuous



Baroque flutist Janet See from Britain is among the performers at the Early Music Workshop, in Jerusalem.

and occasionally exhausting, this opulent costume drama tells the mostly true story of the Broochi brothers - the eldest, Riccardo, a fair-to-middling Baroque composer, and Carlo, the younger, an acclaimed castrato. The film's blend of shrill melodrama and baroque, bejeweled and sometimes bewildering visual flourish is likely to repel certain viewers and enchant others. (French and Italian dialogue, English and Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)

\*\*\* JACK AND SARAH - This small English trifle begins as a sitcom about a couple of London yuppies preparing to have their first child. But when the mother dies in childbirth, she sends the film spinning in the direction of Victorian melodrama or, perhaps more accurately, toward the tearful ups and downs of a late 20th-century midday soap opera. This is not an insult. True, Jack and Sarah takes its most immediate cues from TV rather than from other movies, but writer/director Tim Sullivan approaches each episodic chapter with a startlingly light touch and off-kilter sense of humor. With Richard E. Grant and Samantha Mathis. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

TELEVISION

CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Physical Fitness 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Anthropology 8:30 Arithmetic 8:45 Israeli History 9:10 English 9:25 Young children's programs 10:00 Conversations about psychology, society, and education 10:30 Current Affairs (rep) 11:10 Musical Trios 11:35 Basic 14:45 Jewish 12:15 Life sciences 12:35 French 12:50 Science and Technology 13:30 Rolling Studio 14:05 The Little Mermaid 14:35 Animation 14:55 The Astronaut Princess

CHANNEL 1

18:30 Tinytoon 18:00 Matinee - choice theater productions from children 17:00 A New Evening 17:35 All's Chances in the Family - comedy 18:00 Garfield 18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 The Four Seasons - agriculture and ecology magazine 19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS

18:30 Comedy 20:00 Mabot 21:00 Conference Call 21:35 Oliver's Travels - New BBC drama series. An eccentric lecturer sets out on a journey in the footsteps of his favorite crossword compiler. On the way he meets a woman, an eccentric working on a mysterious murder case. Starring Alan Bates and Sinead Cusack 22:10 Golani - the second of two documentary films by Haim Yavin about the renowned infantry unit 23:30 News magazine

CHANNEL 2

12:00 Byds of Paradise 14:00 Star Trek - the next generation 15:00 Power Rangers 16:30 Paradise Beach 18:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 Reshet at Five 17:30 SportTV - youth sports magazine 18:00 Senors - Spanish soap opera from 19:00 Star - dramatic mini-series based on book by Danielle Steele 20:00 News 20:05 Wheel of Fortune - quiz show 21:05 Chicago Hope 21:30 Gail and Naomi - entertainment 22:30 Cracker 00:00 News 00:05 Cracker (continued) 00:30 Gillette Sports Special

JORDAN TV

14:00 Madeline - cartoon 14:30 Ghost Writers - cartoon 15:00 Tomorrow's World 15:30 Amazing Race -

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14:00 The 700 Club 14:55 Cold Sweat (1971) - a mobster holds a man captive in his own home. Starring Charles Bronson and James Mason (84 mins) 16:20 Moomins 16:55 Heathcliff 17:20 Inspector Gadget 17:45 Superbook 18:10 Hart to Hart 19:10 Magnum P.I. 20:00 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:30 CNN Headline News 21:00 Coach 21:30 Metlock 22:20 Murder She Wrote 23:00 The 700 Club 00:00 Special Program

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8:00 Roxanne 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Perfect Strangers 10:55 The Wonder Years 11:25 Celeste 12:10 Neighbors 12:35 Perry Mason 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 The Commish 14:35 The 100th Mile 15:00 The Place 16:30 Neighbors 16:55 Antennas 17:45 Israeli Clips 18:05 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Celeste 20:00 Melrose Place 21:00 Sisters 22:30 Sweet Justice 23:20 Seinfeld 23:45 Capital News 00:35 St. Elsewhere 1:25 Dangerous Curve

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 No Place Like Home (1989) - (rep) 12:05 Mon Oncle (1958) - (rep) 13:55 Mad Max 14:25 Limit Up (1989) - (rep) 15:05 Hester Street (1975) - (rep) 17:35 The Abduction of Kat Swenson (1987) - drama about the kidnapping of the Olympic champion (100 mins) 19:20 To Heal a Nation (1988) - Drama based on the autobiography of Jan Scruggs, a Vietnam vet who campaigned to build the Veterans' Memorial in Washington. Starring Eric Roberts, directed by Michael Pressman (84 mins) 21:00 Indecent (1992) - suspense drama starring Jennifer Beals as an editor in an advertising agency who sets out to find the murderer of her boss (82 mins) 22:30 Daybreak (1993) - sci-fi movie set in a US plagued by a dangerous virus. Anyone caught with the virus is locked away in "hospitals" (87 mins) 00:00 The Disappearance of Nora (1993) (1:35) The Believers (1987) (rep)

CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Surprise Garden 9:00 Little Monsters 9:45 Casper and Friends 9:30 Mighty Mouse 10:05 Mighty Max 10:30 Power Rangers 11:05 Saved by the Bell 11:45 Lois and Clark 12:30 Surprise Garden 13:30 The Detectives 14:10 C.O.W. Boys 14:30 Mighty Max 15:05 Back to the Future 15:35 Growing Pains 16:05 Party of Five 17:00 Back Station 17:30 The Adventures of Superboy 18:05 Tom the Naughty Cat 18:30 Little Monsters 19:00 Casper and Friends 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:30 Superstars 20:50 Step by Step 21:25 Cheers 21:45 Clips

SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 The Future of Emily (1994) - touching West German family drama about a mother who returns home to Normandy to visit her parents and her young daughter whom she rarely sees (102 mins) 23:45 White Christmas (1954) - classic musical combining the

comic talents of Danny Kaye and the sentimental crooning of Bing Crosby. Directed by Michael Curtiz, with Vera Ellen and Rosemary Clooney (114 mins)

DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: Social Sciences and Education 12:00 Nature of Things 13:00 Special Forces 13:30 Fields of Armor 14:00 Open University (repeat of morning's program) 16:00 Nature of Things 17:00 Special Forces 17:30 Fields of Armor 18:00 Open University (repeat of morning's program) 20:00 Transformations 21:00 Survival 21:30 Nature on Track 22:00 The Next Step 23:00 Wonders of the Universe 23:00 Transformations 23:50 Open University (repeat of morning's program)

ITV 3 (33)

17:00 Cartoons 17:30 Sage of the Ages 18:30 Panorama - Middle East Magazine 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Songs That We Loved 20:00 Drama Series 21:00 Mabot 22:00 Wonders of Nature 22:50 Jazz

ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Hey Dad 16:00 TV History of the World: Islam 16:30 Goya (rep) 18:00 Keep Fit 18:15 Neon Rider 19:00 Pickwick Paper 19:30 On Second Thought 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) 20:30 Hey Dad (rep) 21:00 Concert Hall - The Young IFO celebrates Tchaikovsky's centenary

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 FT Report 6:15 Wall Street 6:30 NBC News 7:00 ITN News 7:15 US Market Wrap 7:30 Stacks and Deals 8:00 Today 10:00 Superbook 11:00 European Money 11:30 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Space - An American Adventure 20:30 The Seinfeld Show 21:30 Dateline 22:30 ITN News 23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 00:00 Golf 1:00 FT Business Tonight 1:30 NBC News

STAR PLUS

6:00 Beverly Hills 6:30 Sunshine Kitchen 7:00 El TV 7:30 Donahue 8:30 Santa Barbara 9:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 10:00 Oprah Winfrey 11:00 Remington Steele 12:00 Sunshine Kitchen 13:00 TV 12:00 Sun-Wonder 13:30 Star Trek 14:30 Batman 15:00 Home and Away 15:30 Entertainment Tonight 16:00 M\*A\*S\*H 16:30 Doogie Howser M.D. 17:00 Anything But Love 17:30 NY 120 18:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 19:00 Santa Barbara 20:00 Hard Copy 20:30 The Extraordinary 21:30 Voyagers 22:30 Entertainment Tonight 23:00 Oprah Winfrey 00:00 Hard Copy 00:30 Home and Away 1:00 The Sullivans

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7:00 - 8:30 Bodies in motion 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 Bodies in motion 17:30 Cars and drivers 18:00 Argentinian league soccer 19:30 Amazing game 19:45 UEFA Cup soccer 21:45 Live champions' league soccer: Juventus vs Glasgow Rangers 00:15 Boxing

EUROSPORT

9:30 Aerobics 10:30 Bodybuilding 11:30 Motoring magazine 12:30 UEFA Cup soccer 14:30 Chess 15:00 Live ATP tennis from Vienna 20:30 European 21:00 Live ATP tennis from Vienna 23:00 Boxing 00:00 F1 00:30 Motorcycle magazine 1:00 Show jumping 2:00 Eurosport news

PRIME SPORTS

6:00 NFL: Philadelphia Eagles vs New York Giants (rep)  
9:00 Singer Cup cricket 10:00 Tennis from Switzerland 12:00 Aerobics 12:30 International motoring magazine

CINEMA

JERUSALEM  
CINEMA THEQUE Much Ado About Nothing 5, 9:30 \* The Joy Luck Club 7 \* Scarface 9:30 G.G. Gil Jerusalem Mall (Haifa) 7:15, 9:45 \* Apollo 13 Water World 4:30, 7:15, 10 \* Jack and Sara 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 \* French Kiss 9:45 \* Carrington 7:15 \* Casper 4:45 \* Under Siege II 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 \* Andre 11 a.m., 1, 3 \* JERUSALEM THEATRE 19:30 The Young Poets 7, 9:30 RAV CHEN 11:30 \* 782796 Credit Card Reservations \* 794477 First Knight 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 \* Smoke 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 \* Don Juan de Marco 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 \* Sleeping Beauty 5

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G.G. Gil Water World/Apollo 13 4:30, 7:15, 10 \* Bravest Heart 4:45 G.G. Gil 1, 3 \* 711223 Under Siege II/Nine Months 5, 7:30, 10 \* First Knight 4:30, 7:15, 10

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KIRYAT MALACH

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KIRYAT ONO

MATNAS Batman Forever 5 \* Don Juan de Marco 7:30, 9:15

KIRYAT SHEMONA

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# Greek Orthodox bestow peace award upon Rabin, Peres

HAIM SHAPIRO

DIODOROS I, the Greek Orthodox patriarch of Jerusalem, yesterday bestowed Golden Peace Prize awards on Prime Minister Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres at a ceremony on the Mount of Olives, despite pressure from Palestinians to cancel it.

"The Palestinians insisted that the ceremony shouldn't take place in eastern Jerusalem, because they would like to avoid a precedent," Metropolitan Timothy, the secretary of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, said last night.

He said that the church felt that Viri Galilei, the patriarchal residence, has been part of the patriarchate for 100 years and thus has attained the status of a holy place. For the church, he said, the ceremony had religious meaning and no political impact.

Last week, Diodoros bestowed similar medals on Jordan's King Hussein and Crown Prince Hassan. He also intends to bestow a medal on Palestinian Authority

Chairman Yasser Arafat in Gaza on a date yet to be set.

Israeli officials said the Palestinians had put enormous pressure on the patriarchate either to cancel the event or to grant Arafat's medal to a Palestinian representative at the same ceremony. In the face of the patriarchate's refusal, the invited Palestinian representatives chose not to attend.

Those attending included the ambassadors of Egypt, the US, Japan, Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, Belarus, South Africa, and Panama, and the heads of almost all the churches of Jerusalem, with the exception of Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah and Anglican Bishop Samir Kafity, both of whom have been identified with the Palestinians.

In his address, Diodoros expressed the thought that the desire for peace by the political leaders "constitutes yet one more intervention of Divine Providence on behalf of God's creatures and of the land that the



Metropolitan Timothy, secretary of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, congratulates Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on receiving the Golden Peace Prize yesterday, as Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was also honored, and Patriarch Diodoros I look on.

Lord chose for His dwelling place."

Speaking of the role of the religious leaders, he said their job is to re-educate their followers to accept peaceful co-existence between all people. Stressing that the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of

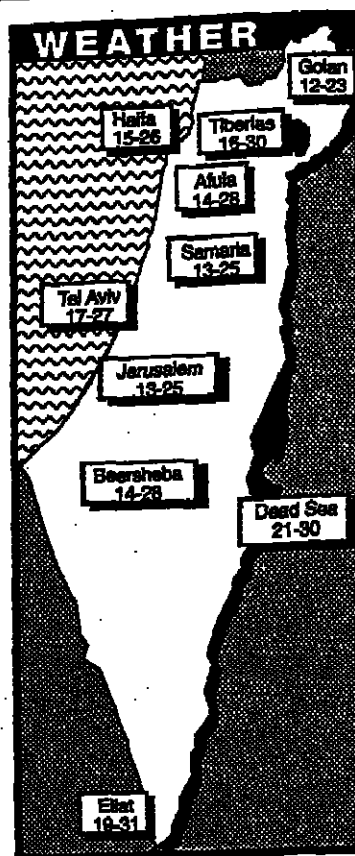
Jerusalem is the oldest ecclesiastical authority in the Holy Land, he spoke of the award presentation as a natural result of its teachings for peace, love, and justice.

In his response, Rabin noted that it was symbolic that the ceremony was taking place on a sad

day, one on which Israel was burying six of its sons, killed in Lebanon. However, he added, it was also symbolic that the six had died defending peace from the extremists who would not tolerate any other religion in the region.

Referring to Jerusalem, Rabin

said that Israel believes it should continue to be united under the rule "of the majority of the people who live here," but that other beliefs should be tolerated and respected and should be allowed access to their religious sites.



## AROUND THE WORLD

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Amman	12	64	cloudy
Berlin	10	50	cloudy
Bombay	24	79	cloudy
Calcutta	24	79	cloudy
Chicago	10	50	cloudy
Copenhagen	10	50	cloudy
Frankfurt	10	50	cloudy
Helsinki	10	50	cloudy
London	10	50	cloudy
Madrid	10	50	cloudy
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New York	10	50	cloudy
Paris	10	50	cloudy
Rome	10	50	cloudy
Sydney	10	50	cloudy
Tokyo	10	50	cloudy
Warsaw	10	50	cloudy

## Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapais daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the ten of spades, ace of hearts, king of diamonds, and king of clubs.

## Researcher: Government did not realize plight of 1950s Moroccan Jews

BATSHEVA TSUR

ONLY 50 percent of the Jews who wanted to immigrate from Morocco in the 1950s were helped to come here, according to a Tel Aviv University researcher.

Some 100,000 Jews applied to immigrate at the time but only about 50,000 came, Dr. Yaron Tsur of the university's Jewish history department said.

The trauma of the Holocaust and its effects on North African Jews was mentioned by government and Jewish Agency officials during the unrest in 1954-56, Tsur noted. "But this did not significantly affect the considerations of the Israeli government when it came to raising the quota for aliyah from Morocco and responding fully to the pressure [on the part of that community]."

He was speaking during the Tenth International Conference on Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem, held during Succot.

Tsur charged that the authorities in Israel at the time did not apply the same criteria to the Moroccan Jewish community as it did towards other North African communities in distress, such as that of Libya, which was deemed to be in dire straits.

This was because the officials who had to decide which community to save had the impression that the elite of Moroccan Jewry was not displaying anxiety and had no intention of coming to Israel, Tsur said.

However, in reality, members of the upper echelons of the Jewish community in Morocco who were Francophiles had been severely demoralized by the Vichy government during World War II, he said.

But, like the political elite in Israel, they allowed their instinctive fears to be repressed by practical considerations and remained, for the most part, in Morocco or went to France.

## Itzik calls on Labor to support Jewish leaders

LIAT COLLINS

THE Labor Party is in a "worrisome" condition and should organize a show of support from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, MK Dalia Itzik said yesterday.

"The prime minister and foreign minister took upon themselves a historic task, and the party should give them more support than they are being given today," she said.

## Habimah barely escapes closure

HELEN KAYE

THE lack of NIS 1 million nearly closed the crisis-plagued Habimah National Theater yesterday.

Only the last-minute intervention of Arts Minister Shulamit Aloni prevented the court-ordered closure only hours before the evening's scheduled performances.

The closure order was issued by Tel Aviv District Court Judge Yishai Levi at 9:30 a.m., following a petition by the court-appointed public trustee Shmuel Zur, who had sought the order because the theater was completely out of money.

The NIS 1 million is needed for October salaries and day-to-day operations, and in the absence of an agreement between the Treasury and the theater on the terms of a recovery plan, the court said

it had "no alternative but to reluctantly accede."

Zur announced that the Treasury is willing to authorize the transfer of the money needed to allow Habimah to continue operations until the end of the month. Aloni had pleaded with the Treasury for the two-week grace period, he said, on condition that intensive negotiations commence to arrive at a recovery plan acceptable to both sides. Zur warned that unless both sides came up with a plan, there will be no alternative but to close Habimah permanently.

Habimah general manager Ya'acov Agmon, whom the court had also named as its designated manager, indicated that Treasury and Arts Ministry officials

are acting in accordance with their ministers' stated positions "because the Treasury wants a more draconian recovery plan than I can live with."

The closure order, he added, "is a test case. I did not expect it, and if [the courts] can spring a closure on me when there are problems, then I have no guarantee they will keep any promises they make."

Despite the "apocalyptic" financial situation, he added, "the theater itself is flowering anew. We have full houses and our subscribers are coming back."

Union representative Aryeh Katz said that both the closure order and its rescinding were "a ploy to return to the work conditions of 20 years ago and nullify

all the gains we've made over the year."

Agmon denied this categorically.

The theater went into receivership in August following an internal audit showing it still had an NIS 13 million deficit and lacked not only the means to repay, but also access to loans.

The fazed reprieve came at 3:25 in the afternoon following anxious hours and frantic discussions at the theater. Attorney Galia Orenstein, who represents Habimah workers, said that both court orders were improper exploitation of the court's power.

Long time Habimah actor Alex Peleg spoke for everybody when he said furiously that "the very idea of closing the National Theater is an act of cultural vandalism."

## Bezeq workers threaten strike over competition

JUDY SIEGEL

BEZEQ workers said yesterday they would hold a 24-hour warning strike beginning this morning to protest a decision by the Communications Ministry to open a tender today for the selection of two private companies to provide overseas dialing services in competition with Bezeq.

The union of Bezeq workers tried to persuade the ministry to postpone the tender, arguing it would result in the dismissal of many employees. Bezeq director-general Yitzhak Kaul urged the workers not to strike, saying such action would harm its customers and not serve their cause. Kaul added that the wages of strikers will be deducted for the day and management may go to court.

A strike will close Bezeq offices and shut down 144 (information), 166 (repair), 188 (operator-assisted overseas dialing) and 199 (ordering of telephone equipment and services) lines.

Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni yesterday said the threatened strike is "a serious mistake." The Communications and Finance ministries, she added, have done all that is needed to ensure Bezeq's financial strength and to preserve the employees' jobs.

The ministry said the development "is yet another stage in the revolution being led by Minister Shulamit Aloni over the past two years" to liberalize the telecommunications sector. This began with the issuing of a more restrictive new general license for Bezeq, the choice of Cellcom to compete with Bezeq in the supply of cellular phone service and the more speedy procedures in granting licenses for equipment.

As a result of the growing competition, the telecommunications sector has been growing at an unprecedented rate, and many jobs have been created, Aloni said.

## Tel Aviv police uncover forged art, land scams

RAINE MARCUS

TEL AVIV police have uncovered two scams involving hundreds of thousands of shekels over this past week.

On Friday, an Israeli who fled to Hungary four years ago was arrested on suspicion of selling land belonging to foreign citizens.

The suspect, Gedalia Kahana, 40, is believed by police to be currently involved in arms dealing in Croatia. Kahana was arrested after two complaints were filed by people who bought land from him in 1991, only days before he fled the country. The first plot of land in Herzliya is owned by Avraham Fatal who lives in London. Police allege that Kahana forged deeds and documents, ostensibly giving him the right to sell the land to a third party, whereas in fact Fatal was totally unaware that his land was for sale.

Under questioning, Kahana told police Fatal contacted him from London and asked him to arrange a \$90,000 loan for him. Kahana said he did so, and then when it was not paid back, he

sold Fatal's land for \$120,000. Fatal denies all knowledge of such a transaction.

At around the same time, Kahana allegedly sold another plot of land in central Tel Aviv which belongs to the Perlman family of South Africa. The land was sold to a building contracting company, which later filed a complaint to police when it realized that the land was not Kahana's to sell.

The second scam involves forged paintings by the Israeli artist Yeheskel Streichman, which were allegedly offered for sale to Yossi Hachmi, owner of the Phoenix insurance company. Hachmi was surprised when he was offered the paintings, the originals of which are valued at \$50,000, since he already owned an original of one of them.

Supt. Arye Idelman said police immediately summoned one of the men involved in the sale for questioning, the father of a famous local athlete. He was later released on bail. A second man allegedly connected with the scam fled to Russia but police know his identity, said Idelman.

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